

1964, the district engineer found that a channel improvement project for flood control was not justified.

Mr. HARSHA. I was going to say, in addition to these alleged benefits that I mention, there is these intangibles that you referred to. Now heretofore the Congress has not given too much weight to intangible benefits, have they?

Colonel ANDERSON. Well, generally speaking, no. It is a difficult thing. By definition, intangible benefits are difficult to quantify.

Mr. HARSHA. Is it going to be the policy of the corps now to recommend to the Congress that intangible benefits be considered?

Colonel ANDERSON. Well, I think I answered that question not too well just a moment ago. Senate Document No. 97 does state that intangibles must be weighed.

Mr. HARSHA. Must be weighed?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir. And intangibles could override unfavorable economics of a proposed project although such cases would be the exception rather than the rule. Generally, we do not recommend projects that are not justified on a tangible basis.

General NOBLE. The problem is that it is difficult to quantify the intangibles, and when you start dealing with benefit-cost ratio, which is in terms of dollars, it is difficult to crank in the intangibles which are difficult to give dollar values to.

Mr. HARSHA. Even though your position has been generally to insist that it is the local responsibility to remove drift control, we have on several occasions, about four occasions, authorized projects—

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARSHA (continuing). To go ahead and do this.

Colonel ANDERSON. Potomac River, New York Harbor, a couple of them.

Mr. HARSHA. May I ask you again this Cuyahoga Falls River study, when do you expect to have that completed?

Colonel ANDERSON. I do not know, sir. It is not an authorized survey. The Buffalo District has been in touch with the local agency that is attempting to do this cleanup. Local interests are supposed to furnish additional information on flood damages and recreation benefits so that the district engineer can reconsider the matter.

Mr. HARSHA. Well, is it impossible to do anything on that until that study is completed?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, from our standpoint. Clearing of the Cuyahoga River is not an emergency measure needed for flood control or navigation. We have no authority to go in and dredge and clear the river for waterfront beautification.

Mr. HARSHA. That is all.

Mr. GRAY. One further quick question, Colonel. You did originally—the corps did originally recommend the Buffalo and Cleveland Harbor projects, is that right?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. GRAY. Let's move on now to Cleveland, Ohio, projects. This is similar.

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Colonel ANDERSON. Mr. Chairman, this report considers the advisability of establishing a project for the collection, removal, and