

of May 24, 1968, which I think very accurately describes the problem, be placed in the file and referred in the report as part of the committee's consideration.

Mr. BLATNIK. Without objection, so ordered.

(Article in Longview Morning Journal, May 24, 1968, placed in file of the committee.)

Mr. ROBERTS. Thank you.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you very much, Colonel.

Can we get back to the first page on your statement, Colonel Hall? We will start with the Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf and Black, La.

ATCHAFALAYA RIVER, BAYOUS CHENE, BOEUF, AND BLACK, LA.

Mr. BLATNIK. Please proceed, Colonel. Give us a quick rundown on this project, sir. There is no particular controversy, as I recall; am I correct on that?

STATEMENT OF LT. COL. DANIEL D. HALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY, OFFICE, CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Colonel HALL. It is not controversial, Mr. Chairman. It is a good project. It has a favorable B-C ratio, local cooperation and assurances have been forthcoming. It has favorable comments from the Federal agencies and the Bureau of the Budget. Its B-C ratio is 1.2.

Total estimated cost is \$9,526,000, sir.

I would like to say that the Secretary of the Army on this project states that since the Federal cost is less than \$10 million, the views set forth in his letter of January 6, 1967, submitting a draft bill, to amend section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965 would apply.

I would be happy to go into any details the chairman desires. It was adequately described yesterday by Mr. Willis.

Mr. BLATNIK. The Bureau of the Budget has no objection.

Any questions?

Mr. HARSHA. This thing has been a little different than the ordinary project, Colonel. Correct me if I am wrong. Is it the practice for the corps to do this sort of thing for the purposes of drilling rigs? I notice in your benefits you have to \$888,000 savings to drilling rigs. Is this for navigation purposes or to expedite the drilling of oil?

Colonel HALL. This is for navigation purposes, sir.

Mr. HARSHA. What is covered by the savings in the drilling rigs? And also, are they the fixed installations or are they floating ships or floating equipment?

Colonel HALL. Transportation savings, sir.

These are floating rigs that move from the shipyards to the gulf. They come back to the shipyards on Bayous Black and Chene for maintenance and are actually constructed in the inland system.

And it is transportation savings to reach the gulf, among other things.

Mr. HARSHA. The division between Federal and non-Federal follows the usual order?

Colonel HALL. That is correct, sir.