

implementation would be an excellent idea, so that we would have early stabilization of the harbor.

Mr. HARSHA. The Bureau of the Budget said you could do it cheaper by reducing the flow and buying power and selling it to the Authority, did they not?

Colonel SEIDEL. They are offering an interim solution, sir.

Mr. HARSHA. That is right.

Colonel SEIDEL. They are not offering a permanent solution. They are offering a solution until such time as the relicensing occurs.

Mr. HARSHA. I know that; but where did they get the figure on the price of power to do that?

General NOBLE. May I speak to that?

Mr. HARSHA. Sure.

General NOBLE. The Corps of Engineers solution is quite independent from the early implementation concept. The early implementation concept was added to it. In other words, if the power is available, the Chief's report says, "Let's start it earlier, so we gain the benefits from the projects earlier." The BOB picked this up and said, "Rather than do the project at all, just do the early implementation concept." They did not investigate the availability of the power. So they do not know any more than we do right now whether that power will be available.

Mr. HARSHA. Well, the other body put that in their bill.

General NOBLE. Excuse me?

Mr. HARSHA. The Senate has it in their bill.

General NOBLE. The BOB concept?

Mr. HARSHA. Yes, sir.

General NOBLE. To answer your question, the BOB got it from our report, which set this up as a good idea if the power is available. They picked it up and said, "Let's do that."

Mr. HARSHA. You have no idea what it would cost?

General NOBLE. No, sir; we do not have.

We do not even know if the power is available. As Colonel Seidel said, we have set up as a limit that we will not execute this early implementation concept to any greater degree than the savings in dredging.

So whatever power we could get for that savings would be employed in the early implementation concept, until the project is complete.

Colonel SEIDEL. May I further address that?

Mr. HARSHA. Sure.

Colonel SEIDEL. Based on the reports that the authority made to the Federal Power Commission, in 1965 they were able to purchase a block of power in the quantity we are talking about, for about 5.3 mills per kilowatt-hour. This was 1965. The quantity of power that we are talking about at that rate would cost, if it were available today, \$2.8 million.

Mr. HARSHA. \$2.8?

Colonel SEIDEL. \$2.8.

Mr. HARSHA. I think you find since 1965 that the power costs have gone down, rather than increased. But then that would stop the silting of the harbor?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir. Once we limit the flow——

Mr. HARSHA. You would be spending \$2.8 million if the cost did not go down; I think they will be. Let us, for argument's sake, say they