

Mr. BLACK. So H.R. 13099 was reported out by the committee and does not include within the site the 32 acres north of the farm.

Under S. 3050 we estimate that land acquisition costs would amount to \$415,000, with development costs of \$1,020,000. Under the alternative plan as reported by the House committee, we estimate acquisition costs would be \$225,000 and development costs would total \$952,200.

Mr. Chairman, though we believe the proposal supported in the Department's report to your committee is an excellent one, in view of the previously mentioned restudy made by the National Park Service, the Department can state its favorable consideration of the plan as reported by the House committee, should you determine to consider that alternative.

Under either plan, annual operating and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$120,000 following the fifth year.

We would expect some 108,000 visitors to the historic site within the first year following its establishment.

There has been a most favorable reaction to the proposal from the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments. Following its 58th meeting this past April, the Board advised that "the preservation and interpretation of the Sandburg farm and literary works, and the continued management of the site which he loved as a living farm, will lend great insight to future generations, through this one man's example, into the whole chapter of American history experienced by his generation. The Board, therefore, heartily endorses the proposal to establish a Carl Sandburg Farm National Historic Site as a unit of the national park system."

I might add that Mrs. Sandburg has agreed to donate virtually the entire collection of personal effects and memorabilia with which the House is presently furnished. So it affords us an excellent opportunity to get this property now as it was during Carl Sandburg's lifetime rather than waiting a period of years and trying to reconstruct artificially a very famous and precious site for historians and lovers of Carl Sandburg for years to come.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will be happy to answer any questions that the committee may have.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Mr. Black.

As I understand it, the Department originally recommended a larger acreage but now agrees that it could be reduced as the House report reduces it and still be adequate for preserving the farm and exhibiting it as the home of Carl Sandburg?

Mr. BLACK. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

We had felt that to minimize the extent of development on the property itself would better preserve the atmosphere that we are seeking. The field restudy of the site has demonstrated that this can be substantially accomplished on the smaller acreage without seriously adversely affecting the value of the site.

Senator Moss. Is the essential change for the purpose of parking vehicles and to provide a waiting place on the farm rather than across