

Senator ANDERSON. Mr. O'Leary, we have about four pages here of material. Have you seen this?

STATEMENT OF JOHN F. O'LEARY

Mr. O'LEARY. Yes; I have.

Senator ANDERSON. It is filed with the committee.

Senator KUCHEL?

Senator KUCHEL. Mr. O'Leary, how long has there been a vacancy in the directorship of the Bureau of Mines?

Mr. O'LEARY. The directorship, Senator Kuchel, became open in March of this year.

Senator KUCHEL. And were you to be confirmed, what would the duration of your employment be in that capacity?

Mr. O'LEARY. The duration of employment in that capacity, Senator, is indefinite. However, on a change of administration with a new President, inasmuch as you serve at the pleasure of the President, it is customary to offer a resignation.

Senator KUCHEL. What is the salary in this position?

Mr. O'LEARY. It is in the range of \$29,000 annually.

Senator KUCHEL. And in your own words would you tell the committee what your views of the responsibilities of the Director are?

Mr. O'LEARY. Senator, the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey, between them, are the principal mineral resource agencies of the Federal Government. The orientation of the Bureau of Mines is more toward the economic engineering than that of the Survey. The Survey provides the basic information on the resources, and the Bureau of Mines essentially is in the business of assisting in the conversion of those resources into live, viable factors within the economy. It is in the business of bringing these resources to bear on the economic growth of the country.

Senator KUCHEL. How many employees are there in the Bureau today?

Mr. O'LEARY. There are approximately 5,000. I am not quite up to date on that.

Senator KUCHEL. I don't mind saying to you, Mr. O'Leary, that it appears to me—and I don't have the pleasure of knowing you personally—that you are qualified by education and experience to perform the services of this directorship.

So far as I am concerned, Mr. Chairman, I have no hesitation in saying that I will approve of this nomination subsequently in this committee.

Senator ANDERSON. Thank you, Senator Kuchel.

Senator MOSS?

Senator MOSS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. O'Leary, you have been serving now for some time in the Federal service. Since what? About 1950?

Mr. O'LEARY. Since 1950, Senator.

Senator MOSS. And you have a civil service rating and status, is that right?

Mr. O'LEARY. I entered the civil service as a GS-5 back in 1950 and went through the ladder of promotion until I became a schedule C in 1962. And during the period from 1950 until 1962 I was in the regular civil service.