

Senator ANDERSON. You had lots of trouble in 1966, did you not?

Mr. GREELEY. Yes; we needed to spray in 1966 and it took quite a good deal of time and persuasion and negotiation to achieve understanding with the Indians about their agreement to go ahead and do that spray job in 1966.

Senator ANDERSON. I was involved in that a little bit.

Mr. GREELEY. Yes, sir; I am sure you know about that.

Senator ANDERSON. Do the Forest Service records show any complaints from the Indians with respect to Forest Service personnel in harassing Indians or anything of that type?

Mr. GREELEY. Senator, this is a statement that is inferred in the criticisms that are made of Forest Service administration of this area. I have talked with our people about this. I am told, and our people from the regional office and from the forest have verified this to me, that our files do not contain records of complaints to us from the Indians that Forest Service personnel have harassed or intimidated or interfered with Indian religious ceremonies.

We know from reactions from the Pueblo in 1961 and in 1966 that there was dissatisfaction on the part of the Indians having to do with their belief that there was Forest Service personnel that must be responsible for something. The Governor in both of those years told our people that he would prevent Forest Service personnel from coming on to the special use area and that he had questions about Forest Service activities there but we were never able to find out on what this was based.

It was not a specific complaint. It was really just a statement by the Governor in which he said, "I am going to prevent Forest Service people from coming in during the time that there are religious activities in the area."

I would like to say, Senator Anderson and members of the committee, we have no desire to interfere in any way with the exercise of the religious freedom of these people. We have no reason to do anything except to completely respect their religious practices, and to be willing, and I think we have tried to bend over backward to cooperate, to do the things that are appropriate to do both to stay out of the way, and try to keep other people out of there during the time that these religious ceremonies are taking place.

It is a disappointment to me, Senator, if there is complaint about something that is a specific incident. We do not know what it is, and I really don't think there has been harassment during the time of religious observances on the part of the Forest Service people.

Senator ANDERSON. At least your files don't show it.

Mr. GREELEY. That is right.

Senator ANDERSON. Do you have any record of complaints from the Indians that they were being interfered with in their religious services?

Mr. GREELEY. Again the Indians have not made complaints to us about this. We have read allegations in the newspapers that there were swarms of people coming in during the period of religious observances and our records show this is not the case.

Senator ANDERSON. Wasn't there something about 37 people?

Mr. GREELEY. We have been very careful, sir. During the period when their religious observances are taking place nobody goes in