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I am glad to concur in this memorandum since I understand that it has been prepared in by Steve Reynolds, the State Engineer of the State of New Mexico.

Sincerely yours,

CLINTON P. ANDERSON.

Mr. ROGERS of Texas. Mr. Burton?

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I will reserve my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Texas. Mr. Tunney?

Mr. TUNNEY. I have no questions.

Mr. ROGERS of Texas. Mr. Wyatt?

Mr. WYATT. I would like to ask the gentlemen what your entitlement under the compact is now.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Under the upper Colorado River compact?

Mr. WYATT. Yes.

Mr. REYNOLDS. We estimate under the terms of the compact—and assuming the water supply to give the upper basin 6.3 million acre-feet per annum, rather than the 7.5, which it is nominally entitled to—could make nominal at-site depletions of 770,000 acre-feet annually.

Mr. ASPINALL. Will my colleague yield?

Mr. WYATT. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. This is what percentage of the upper basin entitlement?

Mr. REYNOLDS. This is 11¼ percent of the upper basin entitlement, taking allowances here, Mr. Chairman, for the salvage by use and the other effects that are reflected between the point of use and the point of measurement at Lee Ferry.

Mr. WYATT. Well, now, I am not certain that I understand you.

What I was wanting to get for the record is the amount of your entitlement under the compact itself. I am not certain that you answered that question. Perhaps you did.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Eleven and a quarter percent of 7.5 million—7.5 million less the 50,000 allocated to Arizona by the compact is 838,000 acre-feet annually.

Mr. WYATT. Now, do you know approximately what you are using now?

Mr. REYNOLDS. Approximately 100,000 acre-feet annually.

Mr. WYATT. What, approximately, will be the amount that you will be using on all the projects that are authorized or built?

Mr. REYNOLDS. Does this include the Animas-La Plata?

Mr. WYATT. Yes, sir.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Then it will approximate 760,000 acre-feet annually, assuming that the Secretary has contracted fully for the municipal and industrial supply available in the Navajo Reservoir.

Mr. WYATT. The amount you will be using will still be less than your entitlement; is that correct?

Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir.

Mr. WYATT. I have nothing further.

Mr. ROGERS of Texas. Mr. Hansen?

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Chairman, with all the fine words of my colleague from Arizona, I would expect that one of these times, he might find his face enshrined upon one of these totem poles.

I have no questions.

Mr. ROGERS of Texas. Mr. Reinecke?

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Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir; now, I understand. And I am unable to give you that number at this moment. I can prepare it.  
 Mr. ASPINALL. Would you prepare it for us—  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir.  
 Mr. ASPINALL. At your convenience?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir; I will be pleased to do that.  
 Mr. ASPINALL. As quickly as possible, and I ask that the statement be placed in the record at this point.  
 Mr. ROGERS. Without objection, it is so ordered.  
 (The information requested is as follows:)

AUGUST 27, 1965.

HON. WALTER ROGERS,  
 Chairman, Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation,  
 House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee,  
 Washington, D.C.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: At the hearing on H.R. 4671 and identical bills on August 26, Congressman Wayne Aspinall asked for projections of the amount of the New Mexico allocation of waters of the upper Colorado River system that would be available for use by the central Arizona project. The figures requested are as follows:

Year:	Acre-feet
1975	250,000
1990	15,000
2000	0
2030	0

The foregoing figures are based on the estimation that with existing storage facilities New Mexico may deplete the flow of the San Juan River system by 760,000 acre-feet annually.

Sincerely yours,

S. E. REYNOLDS.  
 New Mexico State Engineer.

Mr. ASPINALL. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.  
 Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Hosmer?  
 Mr. HOSMER. Is my understanding correct that the State of New Mexico had no objection to the lower basin project but it wants it conditioned on something else?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir.  
 Mr. HOSMER. In essence, you want to hold the lower basin project for ransom, for some water.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. I think we want to hold up the progress until there is an equitable apportionment of those waters.  
 Mr. HOSMER. You call it an equitable apportionment. I call it ransom.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir.  
 Mr. HOSMER. Now, is it my understanding that this ransom amounts to 46,000 acre-feet of water a year?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. I think that is about the upper limit, sir.  
 Mr. HOSMER. And your contention is that this ransom will not come out of any water that Arizona has but can be picked up through some sort of reservoir regulation or something.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. No, sir. To be perfectly straightforward about it, it would reduce the amount of water available to the central part of Arizona by that amount.  
 Mr. HOSMER. You mean the central Arizona project water.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes. That is, the central Arizona water, the effect of that on central Arizona would be a supply reduced by about that

amount, somewhat less than that use.

Mr. HOSMER. Where is New Mexico?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. The Gila River system flows at the New Mexico acre-feet per year, and we hold it over in New Mexico, a service area in New Mexico, a central Arizona project to the Buttes Reservoir.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. No, sir.  
 Mr. HOSMER (continuing). But the headwaters of the Gila River San Carlos Irrigation District Reservoir would be reduced, I offset by the water imported to and by the additional supply in Buttes Reservoir.  
 Mr. HOSMER. Would it run 46,000 acre-feet?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. No, sir. It would be reflected at the San Carlos Irrigation District Reservoir for that water, are they not?  
 Mr. HOSMER. No physical connection in western water.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. It is an exchange principle in western water.  
 Mr. HOSMER. But somebody's Reservoir for that water, are they not?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes.  
 Mr. HOSMER. Somebody in New Mexico.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. The same in the central Arizona project.  
 Mr. HOSMER. Now, you said position.  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir.  
 Mr. HOSMER. I have a little Supreme Court said that you States have so much water, are they not?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, sir.  
 Mr. HOSMER. So it seems rather than the one you are seeing.  
 Can you give us a better fee?  
 Mr. REYNOLDS. Yes, I will.  
 We think that there was a number of uses.  
 As Mr. Mann indicated, I show the Court that with 46,000 acre-feet could be increased in New Mexico. The master's reaction to his proposed decree on the might or might not ultimatum recommend that the decrees were constructed, if there were