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Dick:

I hope you've not been hideously inconvenienced by my not producing, as I said I would, an estimate of what could be put off (in the hoped-for Trust Territory supplemental) until January. The construction of that sentence indicates that I'm feeling both insecure as to the guess I'm about to give you, and fuzzy as a result of a long struggle to get everything to add up. As you'll see below, it doesn't quite.

However, Marty, George, Jim Hawkins (fortuitously in at this time) and I have attempted to put together, both too fast and on the basis of too little wisdom, what might conceivably be put into a deferable column. You will understand that this is a Washington estimate and we may thus have sinned egregiously. Although Jim can help us greatly on his area (community affairs), neither he nor the rest of us feels ~~knowledgeable enough to deal properly with~~ knowledgeable enough to deal properly with most of the rest of our proposed supplemental.

With those caveats, which I can't emphasize too much, and with the further statement that quite honestly, this whole thing looks to us as though we surely needed it yesterday, I report that:

1. In the judgment of the foregoing, we urgently need a total of \$7,678,000 forthwith. This is made up of \$4,354,000 in capital improvements and \$3,324,000 for administration.

2. Of the total supplemental we're speaking of, \$6,084,000 represents a total (\$3,656,400 in cap. improvements and \$2,427,600 in administration) which, though urgent, is at least less so than the figures reported immediately above.

3. These figures add up to \$744,000 less than our total of \$14,506,000. The \$744,000 figure you'll recognize as the estimated shift in local revenues. Why it has had the deplorable effect upon my arithmetic that it clearly has had, George can explain, and doubtless you'll comprehend before he or anyone else does so. I keep grasping the rationale briefly, and then it departs.

I'll have this delivered to you as soon tomorrow morning as it can be arranged, at which point I may, heaven help me, be attempting to tell the House Interior Committee about that \$744,000. I'll be in touch.

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