

services in preparing for employment; job development, job placement, recommending youth for occupational training; referral to training provided for under the Manpower Development and Training Act, or to work in training programs provided through the Neighborhood Youth Corps and the Job Corps. The centers would provide many services needed to help youth find suitable employment.

The committee has asked the Department to explain its past and current positions regarding the selection and testing of candidates for youth counselor training.

In rereading these next sentences, Mr. Chairman, I recognize the possibility that these may be misunderstood, and with your permission, I would like to present my apologies for any implications here which may be misunderstood and to assure the committee that the intent of this paragraph is to say that since the Department is using a different approach in 1965, we did not contemplate that we would discuss the procedures used in 1964.

If, however, the committee would like to have a discussion of these items, we would be very glad to arrange for a competent person to discuss the technical aspects of these tests. I am not competent to discuss them because I am not a technician in the testing business.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Well, Mr. Secretary, is the Chair correct in interpreting your remarks to mean that you have now discontinued the type of test which has been discussed before the committee in the past few days?

Mr. WERTS. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GALLAGHER. And that there will not be a personality test made part of a set of conditions precedent to employment?

Mr. WERTS. That is correct, Mr. Chairman. And the points made in the rest of the prepared statement here, the formal statement, make those points.

Mr. GALLAGHER. On your new criteria that you will establish, you are prepared to discuss this with the subcommittee, or counsel on the subcommittee, along with your own people who you feel are competent in this field?

Mr. WERTS. We would be very happy to do that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Is there any objection?

Mr. REUSS. Well, Mr. Chairman, for the last 8 months, since October, I have been trying to find out from the Department of Labor the nature of this youth opportunity program's trainee test that they administered last June and July. Later I shall ask the subcommittee's permission to put into the record the correspondence between myself and the Department of Labor, which I submit is a masterpiece of evasion by the Department of Labor.

I also would want to put into the record your letter, Mr. Chairman, of May 24, to the Department of Labor, in which you set forth with great precision that we wanted a witness here who would testify about the CAUSE proposal and specifically you said: "It would be helpful if that official could discuss in detail the justification for such tests, their cost, and whether the Department intends to utilize them again."

This was after several paragraphs which set forth the CAUSE project tests and my interest in it. And for the Department of Labor, after 8 months of evading my questions, to come up here this morning and say—and I am quoting—"Since the Department does not consider that the testing and selection techniques used for Project CAUSE last