

latter set of tests, and will you notify the committee when you are prepared and when you have gathered this information?

Mr. WERTS. I would be glad to do that, Mr. Chairman, and I would like, if I may, after the Congressman asks his questions, to make two points.

Mr. HORTON. Would you also be prepared to answer, the next time you return, whether or not there are any other questionnaires that are sent out by your Department—

Mr. WERTS. We will do so.

Mr. HORTON. And also have copies of those available, along with the answer sheets, or whatever information might accompany those questionnaires.

Mr. WERTS. We will do that, yes, sir.

I would like to make clear at this point in the record, some inferences were made that some effort on the part of the Department and the people running Project CAUSE to discriminate against minority groups—

Mr. REUSS. If I may interrupt you right there, since I was the person who raised this, you must be referring to me. And let me make it very clear that that is not what I said.

What I said, and what I repeat, is that I am sure the Department of Labor didn't have the slightest intention or desire to discriminate against minority groups, but by the result of this frivolous and ill-thoughtout use of a test which, on the basis of all I have heard, is at best worthless for this purpose, discrimination did in fact occur, as evidenced by the fact that in a program which takes place largely in the minority group areas of our cities, this test produced such a tiny percentage of minority group members who are to participate in that program.

So be sure to comment on that, but not on something I didn't say.

Mr. WERTS. I appreciate that.

But my point is that my knowledge is—and I think this can be supported—that this testing process was used to be sure that we did get minority groups into this program. And I think the material which the Bureau of Employment Security must have supplied you has an indication that I think 9 percent of the applicants who took the test were in the process—and as I have indicated, 8 percent of those selected were in minority groups. So, in terms of those who applied, the selection was pretty good.

Mr. REUSS. How many applied for selection?

Mr. WERTS. I understand 9 percent.

Mr. REUSS. No. How many of the 21,993 people who took the test were members of minority groups?

Mr. WERTS. An estimated 18 percent. And roughly 50 percent were selected.

Mr. REUSS. Well, in the first place, this is news to me. Because previously, as the record will establish, the Department of Labor has assured me they couldn't tell how many of the 21,000 who applied for the test were members of minority groups, because they didn't ask. And I accepted this.

Now you tell me of the 21,000 who took the test, 18 percent were nonwhites. You also tell me that 8 percent of those who were selected for training were nonwhites. It therefore seems to me that you have perhaps quite inadvertently proved my point, that the Negroes who