

Mr. ROSENTHAL. The only thought that I have, Mr. Chairman—I concur fully in everything that you have said, and I want to commend the chairman for taking a prodigious leap forward in this special inquiry. I want to specifically commend the members of the Peace Corps who, in my judgment, have entertained a rather enlightened view about the whole subject—certainly more enlightened than other witnesses from other Federal agencies we have had.

What I worry about constantly is not only the question of invasion of privacy, but the fact that we are getting a mechanical society, that we are trying to make everybody some deviant from the norm, that we are trying to push the whole mass of the American public into a funnel, push them all into the wide end of the funnel and have them come out pretty much the same from the narrow end of the funnel.

I doubt if this is really what any of us—obviously neither you nor I want this.

As President Kennedy said, we ought to make this world safe for diversity. I think this applies to our domestic society as well.

So that these tests that relate little differences from the norm kind of scare me, and I hope we don't develop a mechanical kind of society where you are going to push a button and a man is going to respond in some way that you have already predicted in advance and that if he does not he won't be chosen for an important role in our society.

Dr. CARP. We certainly share your concern, and there are many debates and discussions of this in the Peace Corps.

We have been criticized, I think unfairly, internally for producing in our jargon the bland volunteer. So we are now making a special effort to insure that the widest variety of individual differences can, in fact, succeed or have a chance to succeed in the Peace Corps.

Again, in our own jargon, here we talk about the high-risk, high-gain individual. And this is the one that we are looking for. We are not looking for the mediocre or the norm.

I think Mr. Berlew has had more contact with this particular concept and may want to add a few remarks of his own.

Mr. BERLEW. I just wanted to say that anyone who has had the opportunity of dealing with 300 volunteers overseas would not be too concerned about their conforming to any norm. I mean that quite seriously. It is a very interesting and very enlightening experience. But it is not a normal type of experience.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You see—when we originally started, we acknowledged, all of us, that the Federal Government really sets the tone for society. If the Federal Government permits incursions and invasions into privacy, all the other organizations, commercial organizations, are going to think this is a standard that they can follow. So that we have an additional responsibility, beyond efficiency within the immediate organization, which is to set this tone or standard of constitutional preservation, this deep dedication we have to the Constitution.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Thank you, Mr. Rosenthal.

It may well be that if some of the campuses do run out of programs to protest, this might be a good start for another march. [Laughter.]

Dr. CARP. We understand there were pickets marching outside the American Psychological Association Building. [Laughter.]