

get, you have to have certain results. We do not say what the method is. We do not say that you have got to do our comprehensive planning. It is like building codes. It is not a question of, in the building code, of having to put a 2 by 4 every 12 or 16 inches. You say you have got to have enough 2 by 4's to have a wall that will stand up under certain circumstances—what we call a performance code and performance requirements. These musts are not methods—these musts are not detailed determinations—these musts are what the program must achieve to get the supplemental grant. And I think it is entirely reasonable, and certainly traditional, where you are going to give special assistance in any program that there should be general criteria. These are the general criteria.

Mr. FINO. Isn't there language in your bill that in substance says that a city in order to qualify must have a plan for social renovation?

Secretary WEAVER. I do not know what you mean by that language. If you will read the language, I will be happy to try to interpret it. I do not recall that wording.

Mr. FINO. Mr. Secretary, I will check that and give you the page, because I do not have it offhand.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Ashley?

Mr. ASHLEY. Dr. Weaver, while you are commenting on press accounts, there was a front page story in the New York Times of February 20 which referred to previously undisclosed facts about the plan of the demonstration city programs that have emerged from talks from housing experts in Government in the communities and in the cities themselves. And it goes on to say, "If their expectations are correct, the program will aggregate 350,000 dwelling units and improve the lives of more than a million residents." And it also indicates that the cities chosen for Federal funds would fall into three categories, large cities of more than 500,000 persons, intermediate cities of 250 to 500,000 population, and smaller cities of less than 250,000 inhabitants. Is this the thinking of the Department, Doctor?

Secretary WEAVER. Well, it is broken down even further than that. I think that we are thinking now in terms of larger cities, medium large cities, sort of medium small cities, and then smaller cities. We contemplate cities of 50,000 and less.

Mr. ASHLEY. Would it not be a good idea, Doctor, as an addendum to your prepared statement, to furnish the committee with such thought as the Department may have with respect to some rather significant details such as these that have appeared?

Secretary WEAVER. I would be delighted to. I want to point out that we have to supply, of course, the general categories.

But let me say this, as I tried to say in my statement, I would be happy to document it. We conceive of this program as a program which will have widespread geographic application, and also as much diversification in size of cities as possible. And we contemplate, also, that because of the large number of smaller cities and towns that the largest number of cities that will be involved will be the smaller ones. And the number will vary inversely with the size. In other words, there will be a lesser number of largest, and so on down the scale.

Mr. ASHLEY. Well, if we can give credence to the story in the New York Times, I think it would be well if your Administration and the Department would be specific with reference to the points that were covered and which I have alluded to.