

In the bill and in your discussion you referred to this, once a demonstration area has been ascertained, the naming of a coordinator. Could you expand a little bit on the definition of the area? What will this represent? Will it be one city coming forth with an approved man, or a combination of cities, or a region? Would you mind expanding a little bit on that?

Secretary WEAVER. Before I answer your question, sir, I would like to thank you for your kind introductory remarks.

The cities demonstration program will operate on the unit of the city. Each city which participates or wants to participate will develop a proposal. And that proposal will be reviewed. On the basis of that proposal it may then qualify for a planning grant. The city will then develop its own program to participate in this particular activity. That program may cover a complete neighborhood, it may be several sections of a city. It will have to involve, of course, those areas which contain a significant part of the slum and blighted portions of the city. On the basis of its proposal the city will then come into the program, and it will follow that proposal except for such modifications as experience may demonstrate.

And the supplementary money, which will be provided, which is 80 percent of the non-Federal share of the Federal grants-in-aid, will be available to that city to spend on anything that is included in that demonstration program.

Mr. GONZALEZ. What about the designation of the coordinator, though? What will trigger that off?

Secretary WEAVER. The coordinator will be designated at such time as the plan is accepted and the city becomes a demonstration city.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Suppose subsequent to that in the area that could be considered metropolitan urban, but geographically not far removed—in Texas, of course, 190 miles isn't far, but 190 miles is the distance that separates San Antonio from Houston, the No. 1 city—how many coordinators would then be called for if subsequent to the establishment and recognition of one area you had another one? This is what I was thinking of.

Secretary WEAVER. Each demonstration city that qualifies will have a Federal coordinator.

Mr. GONZALEZ. As to participation of the people affected in the areas, perhaps there we might profit from the experience with the OEO. As I think you are aware, the biggest problem has arisen from the local standpoint in your community action, in that particular part that calls for community action development. And there the definitions of what constitutes maximum feasibility participation by the persons affected has really been a big issue locally. And I was just wondering if some looking into has been done with respect to the OEO sector in this respect.

Secretary WEAVER. I don't like comparisons. But I will say that one of the great advantages, I think, of this approach, involving as it does less than 100 cities and a hundred plans, will be that we don't have to be doctrinaire. It may well be that in one city citizen participation will take on one form, and in another city it will take on another form. We want experimentation, we want diversification. We also want results. And if in one city, because of its peculiar nature, and because of its peculiar institutions, and even because of its peculiar