

Mrs. DWYER. I am particularly interested in the existing programs, and I wondered what happened to the application for the demonstration grant under the Transportation Act which was made by our State highway commissioner to Mr. Kohl.

Is Mr. Kohl here?

Secretary WEAVER. I can answer that. This application is still under consideration. And we are now reviewing it as to its technical problems, and as to whether or not it qualifies under the definition of a demonstration grant.

Mrs. DWYER. I was asked by my State highway commissioner, Mr. Palmer, to give you a little push when you came here, Mr. Secretary. That will be all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mrs. Dwyer.

Mr. Ashley?

Mr. ASHLEY. Mr. Secretary, it occurs to me that a number of questions arise out of the general criteria which a city must meet in order to qualify under the demonstration cities program. Inasmuch as these criteria represent conditions which must be met by the local community in order to have their plan approved I should like to ask for your written comment, which can be supplied for the record.

The first requirement is that the program be—

of sufficient magnitude in both physical and social dimensions (i) to remove or arrest blight and decay in entire sections or neighborhoods, (ii) to provide a substantial increase in the supply of standard housing of low and moderate cost, (iii) to make marked progress in serving the poor and disadvantaged people living in slum and blighted areas with a view to reducing educational disadvantages, disease, and enforced idleness, and (iv) to make a substantial impact on the sound development of the entire city.

I wonder, Mr. Secretary, if your Department can furnish guidelines as to what is meant by "entire sections or neighborhoods"?

Secretary WEAVER. I can answer that now if you care to.

Mr. ASHLEY. I have a series of questions, and I think it might be as well if the answers were supplied.

Secondly, does the requirement that a substantial increase in the supply of standard housing of low and moderate cost be provided pertain to sections or neighborhoods where current density levels are already high? If not, does this requirement mean that there must be a substantial increase of standard housing of low and moderate cost in other than the project sections or neighborhoods?

Thirdly, is the Department able to indicate how it will measure a "substantial impact" on the sound development of an entire city which the project section or neighborhood is required to make?

The second general requirement reads as follows: The rebuilding or restoration of sections or neighborhoods in accordance with the program will contribute to a well-balanced city with adequate public facilities (including those needed for transportation, education, and recreation), commercial facilities adequate to serve the residential areas, good access to industrial or other centers of employment, and housing for all income levels;

Can the Department spell out for cities interested in this program what is meant by a "well-balanced city"?

Does the requirement that there be housing for all income levels mean that housing must be furnished for all income levels within the project area or within the entire community?