

Secretary WEAVER. For all metropolitan areas.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. For all metropolitan areas. I think that this is such a great section in itself, Mr. Secretary, these Federal coordinators, that I would even support legislation to establish these in all the metropolitan areas, so that if this particular bill did not succeed in passing, I still feel that the Federal coordinators at this point in our metropolitan areas, in our cities, are definitely necessary, and I feel that most cities who need help, these Federal programs, unfortunately, cannot afford the talent necessary for an effective Federal coordinator. And I feel that this is an excellent section.

Secretary WEAVER. I don't like to even think of your qualifying clause about the lack of passage of the program. But I would concur with the desirability of this. And we shall be moving in this direction regardless, because we agree this is very crucial.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Reuss?

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Secretary, you have practically answered the question I was about to ask concerning the fourth and the last part of the Reuss amendment, because that has to do with the effect of the amendment on your proposal for urban coordinator. We felt the idea was excellent. But why restrict it to the 50 or 60 demonstration cities who come in, and why delay it for 2 or 3 years until a demonstration program gets moving?

And, therefore, we suggested that every metropolitan area of consequence who wants it throughout the country should have a Federal urban coordinator to help expedite the whole series of Federal city programs in that area. We suggested that this might be done through the FHA offices which are already there.

You earlier said that many FHA people aren't suited for it and didn't want it, and so on. I accept your judgment on that. But there must be a corner of their offices where you could put a desk and a bright young fellow who knows about urban renewal and open space and community facilities, and would get in there and help the bewildered locals in their wanderings through bureaucracy and prevent them from having to go down to Washington or to a region that is hundreds of miles away. But I gather from what you have said to Mr. St Germain that you may be in agreement on this.

Secretary WEAVER. We contemplate something along this line.

Mr. REUSS. I am delighted to hear that.

Let me shift now to something that hasn't been touched yet.

You have excellent new town proposals. Tell me, does that apply to new towns within existing cities as well as to new towns out in the countryside? I have in mind a city which suddenly finds itself the heir, let's say, to a Federal Army post, or to a large piece of land. I would hope that it would apply to this city new town as well as to country new towns.

Secretary WEAVER. There is nothing in the letter of the law that would prevent that. I just can't conceive of enough space within a city where it could happen. But if the space were there, it could be done.

Mr. REUSS. Well, Minneapolis has its Fort Snelling. Milwaukee has its Army disciplinary barracks. And Washington, I think, has its National Training Center. So I am glad to hear that, as you read the legislation, were applicable, certain towns—