

which I don't—of exclusively selecting only the large cities with the ability to plan most immediately. All I am saying is that if there are, let's say, five major big cities to be selected, let us then select those five cities on a first-come, first-served basis. If there are 15 medium-sized cities and if there are 25 smaller cities, let's select them on the same basis.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. When considering the criteria, have you and your staff gone over the seven points—or eight points, rather—actually there are seven here, but there is an unknown factor in which it says that the program meet such additional requirements that the Secretary may establish, and the Secretary told this committee the other day that these will be prepared after the legislation is passed, if it is passed. And, therefore, we are left with section 4, the guidelines, so to speak, that you and your staff would have to follow in preparing a submission to the Secretary for consideration for your city or the other city. Have you and your staff gone over these criteria, these guidelines, Mr. Mayor? And if so, do you find them sufficiently clear, and do you feel that you can prepare a submission with these particular guidelines in mind?

Mr. CAVANAGH. Yes; we do.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Do you feel that you will not face any problems on it?

Mr. CAVANAGH. I don't think that we will face any problems. That is not to say that maybe a smaller city with staffs that might be less sophisticated as far as the relationship with Federal agencies would face some kind of a problem. But I think the criteria, at least as I recollect reading them, were sufficiently clear to me and to our staff to be able to prepare and submit an application.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. And is it contemplated by the city of Detroit to submit a plan that would cover a portion or two portions of this city, or how extensive would that be?

Mr. CAVANAGH. It would cover a portion that would have to show that in treating that portion it had a relationship to the total community, and that it would have some salutary effect upon the total community, even though it was confined physically to one geographical area.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. My time has expired, but I would like to tell the gentleman, in case I don't get another chance, that I am really impressed by his testimony. He is doing a wonderful job before the committee.

Mr. CAVANAGH. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Gonzalez?

Mr. GONZALEZ. I would like to compliment Mayor Cavanagh for appearing before us.

I notice on page 8 what I consider a significant thought on your part there about the desire to make sure that this program does not deplete or supplant rather than supplement existing Federal programs.

And in that section, I might say that I expressed this the other day to Dr. Weaver. I am very apprehensive about the public housing program. I notice consistently that nobody has any reference to the public housing program. And I am so afraid that the creation of this new Department has tended to downgrade public housing. Do you feel that public housing is still a vital program that could be utilized in this move to secure an upgrading in urban life?