

Mr. DALEY. In the first place, I do not think any program of this magnitude will operate without the greatest of cooperation between the local people and the Federal Government. We have had the greatest relationship in all our dealings with the Federal Government, and we hope it will be continued. But there will always be differences of opinion as to how you want to do a certain project or even different concepts of the program itself. But we have always managed to resolve such questions by having our local people, including our planning and development department, and our urban renewal department, sit down with the Federal Government and their representatives. And the issues have always been resolved to the benefit of the people. I am sure the Federal agency in the spirit of good government would only select the best available person for the job in order to come up with the best possible program. So that I have no fear that this man or this woman, no matter what you call him or her, would be in the nature of a Federal dictator. We would hope that our local people would be able to submit their plans and programs before the project is initiated, as is the case in the public housing and urban renewal programs now. We submit our plan to the Federal agencies, they look them over, and then in conference and in coordination a general plan and a general program are agreed to.

On the optional business, very frankly and honestly, if the Federal Government is investing money of this magnitude it should have something to say about the programs. No reasonable person would say, I as the mayor of the city of Chicago, in the planning of our city's demonstration, should not have the help of the Federal Government. I do not think it should be optional. I do not see why a reasonable arrangement cannot be worked out between the cities and the Federal Government so that we can have the benefit of the great resources of the Federal Government and the Federal Government can have the benefit of resources of the local government in our efforts to do something about achieving the goals of this new program.

Mr. BARRETT. May I pinpoint this a little more? You do not think it should be optional, you think it should be mandatory?

Mr. DALEY. If I were sitting in the Congress, I would think that the Federal Government must have some direction over a program that calls for such tremendous expenditures. And I do not feel you have set up the housing programs on the basis of mandatory submittal of program plans, and I do not feel that there is anything wrong with the mandatory coordinator.

Mr. BARRETT. I just want to change it around a little bit. You do think that the cities in which the demonstration city program is in operation should have an opportunity to say to those at the Federal level, you may have to pay for this coordinator, because one that may be locally established may do a better job than one that they send to that area?

Mr. DALEY. We would hope again, Mr. Chairman, that the wisdom and the judgment of the Federal people would make them select someone who knew the community. It would be a sad commentary if they selected a coordinator who was totally unfamiliar with the city and its problems. This would be very disastrous for the program. But I do not think this would happen. I would think the Federal Government would select a local coordinator who has established roots in the community, who is known as a planner, a program man, and