

sewer requirements to serve the urban growth and existing demand over a period of 20 to 30 years.

Mr. ASHLEY. We will see if we cannot get a response.

Now, I was much taken with your characterization of this program as one which simply insists upon coordination, and it offers a carrot of Federal funds to those communities that manage to pull themselves together and present the coordinated plan project.

You ask, why should not there be participation by all in the demonstration cities program. But then it seemed to me that you raise some doubts in your own mind as to how many cities could actually participate with the limited funding that is contemplated.

I quite agree, if I understood correctly the sense of your idea, that as a matter of fact there should be coordination by any city calling upon Federal funds and Federal programs to help upgrade the local community, and that this need not necessarily be dependent upon the added input of Federal funds.

Mr. BINGHAM. True.

Mr. ASHLEY. Where there is a very critical need, such as in our larger cities, where the need has been dramatized by violence and outbreaks of every imaginable kind, it would appear that the infusion of Federal funds is justified. Perhaps you have heard my suggestion that I put to Mayor Daley with respect to utilizing the means of measurement that we have developed and that there be a sliding scale of participation depending upon demonstrated needs in the particular project. What would be your comment on this?

Mr. BINGHAM. Well, from a practical viewpoint I am afraid that I could not fully endorse it. I am very sympathetic to the problems which these areas have. And they need special attention by everyone who has the capabilities of making a contribution. But other areas have the same problem to a degree.

Mr. ASHLEY. To a degree?

Mr. BINGHAM. To a degree. Now, some situations have had national publicity, and others have not. You know how the press coverage is. They can build things up and give them international and national publicity. And this has happened. And we have these problems everywhere in our urban centers. We have poverty, we have blinding poverty, and we have slums. And these people are restless, and they are hurting.

Mr. ASHLEY. But there are degrees, aren't there, of the kind of pressures we are talking about? And there are also degrees in the ability of cities or communities to meet themselves, through their own resources, some of these problems. Isn't it a good idea for there to be this kind of consideration taken of these factors? In other words, if we are really interested in a demonstration program, would not it be possible to have areas of demonstration that perhaps are not included in the bill as it has been presented to us? If you take a wealthy community such as Houston, Tex., would not it be possible to glean from experience under the program what can happen by insisting upon coordination, offering a smaller carrot, based upon their lesser social pressures and their greater ability to meet for themselves this problem, and then in a situation like New York, where the city is almost catastrophically in debt already, and where the need is so much greater than, let us say, in a city such as Houston.