

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. George, may I just ask you, you want to present that to the committee, you are not asking that it be admitted into the record?

Mr. GEORGE. I will present it to the committee, and you can do with it what you wish. If you want to enter it into the record, I will leave that to the committee.

Mr. BARRETT. I want to thank you on behalf of the committee for making that presentation.

Mr. GEORGE. And if the committee members would like to have one of these manuals for their own individual use, we would be most happy to present each member with a copy. And if the Secretary would so advise us, we would be happy to present each member with one.

Mr. STEPHENS. If the gentleman would yield, I would like to have a copy of that for each member. And I think it would help each member of the committee.

Mr. GEORGE. I would like to close by making this statement that there is a very critical need at the Federal level for coordination. Recently we had in Georgia a program that was calculated to bring to bear in one program the best professional knowledge at the Federal agency level and at the State agency level in panels to discuss these Federal programs, some of which are administered through State agencies. And gentlemen, even though these programs are in many cases overlooked, we had to introduce those professional, governmental people representing the Federal agencies and the State agencies to one another. And it seems to me that there is room for serious coordination, if we go to the Federal agencies and ask about some of these new programs, and we find considerable confusion in the mind of the people who are charged with the responsibility of administration as to how these programs are going to be administered. So it seems to me that as new programs are developed that consideration should be given to using existing administrative agencies and procedures, rather than overlapping them and causing so much confusion at the local level. Because, as Mr. Bingham has pointed out, it is most difficult for us to determine how these programs are administered. And actually this [referring to manual] is almost like a catalog. A mayor or a city government can take this and run through it, and where there are a half dozen different programs which relate to water and sewers, and this, that, and the other, depending on the nature of the project, then he can try to determine how his city qualifies, and to whom he should go for the assistance. And it is a little bit difficult for our people to use these programs, because there has not been the coordination and understanding established in advance in relation to some of these.

And I would like to suggest that somewhere at sometime it seems to me the Congress is going to have to make funds available to research the total urban needs of the Nation, and to look at the capabilities of local and State governments to deal with existing urban problems. And I think it deserves a review of what is being done, a determination of what could be done out of local resources and efforts, and a determination of where help is actually needed beyond local capabilities and why.