

come up with an overall solution to the overall and total problem existing within large communities, or in the case of some smaller communities, in the entire community, the problem being one of not only physical improvement, but sociological and economic improvement. But if we want to really solve this, and come up with demonstration cities or models as to how it can best be done. It seems to me that we should take the best talent we have available and make sure that the moneys we are going to spend on these demonstration cities are well spent, instead of haphazardly hoping that from city X, Y, or Z we are going to come up not ultimate with a good plan, but rather take those planners that the Secretary knows from experience are well qualified and have them direct the broad concept that is going to be utilized within these cities of varying sizes. I am wondering if you feel that perhaps this might not be a better method than that method whereby the cities are picked and then they are given a grant for the period of a year to prepare those plans, and then subsequently they put these plans into effect, if they are separable. Once again, the Secretary stated, incidentally, when he appeared before us on Monday of last week that certain cities would be given planning funds, and it was logical to assume that the cities that would be given the planning funds and which would report back within a year would be those cities accepted because of the fact that they had been spending funds and a year's time to come up with these plans. Therefore, we have a situation where it is not a question as to which cities have come up with an expert plan, but it is going to be judged or turn on the point of which cities have an acceptable plan.

Now, I wonder if you could give us a comment on these two varying positions, Mr. Fay?

Mr. FAY. Perhaps it might be well in order to establish a common basis for our discussion for me to point out how I understand the selection process generally would work, and then I will respond to your questions.

It is my understanding that any city which wishes to do so would submit a proposal which would not be a detailed expensive planning concept but would only be a statement of the goals it would expect to accomplish in the demonstration if it were selected as one.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. And I believe, Mr. Fay, that this would also include an outline of the needs of that particular city.

Mr. FAY. Of course; very much so.

And then the selection, as I understand it, would be made by whatever kind of group, probably by a blue ribbon jury, which might well include some of the outstanding planners of the country, which of those basic proposals should be accepted. And then the 90-percent planning funds would be directed to that group. And within a year they would come back in their detailed plans for the demonstration.

I would hope that we would not lose sight of the need for experimentation and demonstration, and that the matter of need, which I know to be of the very greatest importance, might not sway our judgment as simply being a means of utilizing these demonstration city funds to take care of an extremely complicated and difficult problem. If we did that, we might end up by taking over half a dozen major problems around the country, but we might not have any demonstration or experimental results when we finished with a program.