

We have in Springfield a city government which is efficient, but which is willing to streamline itself, reorganize itself, and do what is necessary to progress in step with the 20th century.

As Dr. Hertz mentioned, we have a citizen's committee which is ready to work with government to move to meet these pressing problems. Not the least of our positive factors is the air of optimism which pervades our community at this point.

I might point out that the Rockefeller Foundation has recently, or about a year ago, made a grant to the National Urban League which has established leadership development projects in 10 cities throughout the Nation to develop Negro leadership. Springfield is 1 of 10 cities in the country participating in this program.

We have a very active urban renewal committee which makes our urban renewal planning more realistic. We are fortunate in that we have complete cooperation between county and city in our planning efforts. We have a regional planning commission.

We have undertaken the making of a transportation plan to attack the problems of transportation in our community. We have, as I said before, taken advantage of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. We have cooperation between city and county governments and between our governments and school organizations. We have many active community organizations in our city. There are efforts presently being undertaken in Springfield to improve our existing social welfare agencies. We have attention being given to proper hospitalization in Springfield. We in government have taken an in-depth approach to the relocation of minority families in our urban renewal areas, and we have strong assistance and strong support in these efforts by our local real estate board which is a noteworthy accomplishment, I think. We have efforts being taken to improve our public school system and last, but certainly not least, we have one public housing project in existence which is beautifully designed and is filled with people. It consists of 210 units. We have two more planned public housing projects for our city, one regular and one for the elderly.

Therefore, I would summarize by merely saying this: We in Springfield and we in Springfield's government are willing to attack these problems. We are going to face them regardless of what happens. We may succeed in solving the problems, but we will stand a much better chance with massive Federal assistance with the kind of guidelines envisioned in this legislation rather than with specific requirements.

I thank you for the opportunity to appear before the subcommittee. I thank you for making it possible for us to be here.

I would point out that Dr. Hertz, I, or Mr. Norman would be happy to entertain any questions that the committee might have.

Mr. BARRETT. Well, thank you, gentlemen. I have no questions because your statement is very complete and fully explanatory. Your views will help us when we mark up the bill and we will certainly try to give cities such as yours the legislation they need. Mr. Harvey?

Mr. HARVEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one question here and I am not sure whom I should direct it to. Maybe the city manager can best answer it.