

You can see how that would come about, I take it.

Do you share that same apprehension?

Mr. CURRIGAN. I would undoubtedly share that same apprehension. As I say, I think it would be a mistake if there was—we take the same number of dollars and just try and spread them a little further. Again, I think this would be a sad mistake, and again we are kidding ourselves if we think that we can do the job by the magic method, so to speak.

Mr. HARVEY. Thank you. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Moorhead?

Mr. MOORHEAD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mayor, I commend you not only for your very excellent statement, but for your very wise selection of my friend Bruce Rockwell as chairman of your urban renewal authority. I notice on page 3 you say you have a very excellent urban renewal activities program in your city, and I am sure that, in part, it is due to the fine work of the chairman of your authority.

Mr. Mayor, I certainly agree with your testimony with respect to the need for a metropolitan liaison officer in every metropolitan area, not just in the demonstration cities area.

I also agree with you that the local authorities should have some voice in the selection of this particular officer. I don't know if we can write it into law, but I would certainly hope that our report would contain language very much similar to the second paragraph of your testimony on page 6, where you suggest that either the mayor submit names which the Secretary can pass on, or the Secretary submit names that the mayor can pass on. I don't think it can be written into the law, but I think a very strong suggestion to the Secretary can be made in the report.

Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St Germain?

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to compliment the mayor on his statement—coming from a section of the country that I particularly personally find very pleasant, very beautiful. I appreciated the paragraph on page 2 wherein you very practically recognize the problems that are associated with the old cities, such as we have on the east coast, that you fortunately, with foresight, and with attention to what is happening at the present time, can really avoid, by comprehensive planning, and by rehabilitating, as you say, prior to blight entering into an area of a city.

I must say that my visits to your part of the country have proved what you say here is so.

One point I would like to discuss with you, Mr. Mayor, and that is what you said about the Federal coordinator.

You state that you feel it should be a local man. Well, that makes a lot of sense. He should know the local scene and the needs of the local community. But would you agree that the most important qualification for this man—perhaps we might have to establish a training program for people such as these—is an intimate knowledge of the many, many programs that he will be called upon to explain, and wherein he will be involved in expediting if at all possible on behalf of the community applications and approvals of applications?