

Mr. FINO. Dr. Ketchum, first of all I want to greet you here. It is nice to know that we have a New Yorker, a native New Yorker appearing before this committee.

Let me ask you, at what figure do you think the demonstration cities program should be funded?

Let us bear in mind that the Secretary of HUD has indicated a figure of \$2.3 billion. Several mayors have already testified before this committee and their requests have totaled \$8.4 billion. We are not finished with the mayors yet. We have the mayor of Philadelphia coming in on Monday and he will probably ask for about \$2-something billion. Getting back to the question—What figure do you think this program should be funded at?

Mr. KETCHUM. Frankly, I think we need a computer, don't you? But in all events, I feel that \$2.3 billion, as you mentioned, is enough to start this thing rolling and to demonstrate, in the words of the act, the need for this experiment. I don't believe that you can do all your cities over in this country in 1 year, or even the start of this problem on such a wholesale scale.

I believe the sum is small but I do feel, as well, that it will start the ball rolling and will give this whole program a chance for success. But it will require a lot of patience on the part of New York and many other cities to await the coming of larger funds for this whole project.

Mr. FINO. Would you care to venture a guess as to how much the costs will be?

Mr. KETCHUM. I am not able to venture such a guess. That would require an immense amount of research which this Institute would be happy to undertake, but hasn't undertaken.

Mr. FINO. Mr. Ketchum, the idea is commendable but I think we are trying to bite such a large bite that we are going to find ourselves with our mouths open without any food in it.

Let me ask you further. Are you aware, as presented, as this program is presented, that it could conceivably wipe out urban renewal programs for all but the demonstration cities?

Mr. KETCHUM. I was not aware of that. How do you interpret that possibility? I would think that the—that it coordinates them but doesn't nullify them.

Mr. FINO. The concentration is going to be on the demonstration cities and it will just neglect the urban renewal program and all the old cities that are under this vast program will be doing this kind of work.

Mr. KETCHUM. The architectural profession would certainly not be in favor of such results.

Mr. FINO. Do you think, in creating new towns, we should abandon those that we already have?

Mr. KETCHUM. No, certainly not. But this concept of new towns is obviously and logically applies to the population growth and not a proposal for remodeling existing suburbs, but instead to expand our metropolitan areas in such a way that we can retain as much green, open space as possible and not just meander in a checkerboard fashion over hill and dale with the aid of a bulldozer. It is intelligent, implies