

Dr. YOUNG. I would not recommend moving that fast. I would say that perhaps you could provide more general assistance and perhaps less categorical and watch to see what happens over some time. I don't think it is appropriate every 2 years to upset everything, turn it upside down. I would argue for moving now to look at ways of insuring through the institutional grant the objectives of the Congress. I think they can be because I think the Morrill Act and experience with the land-grant institutions points that way. But I would not remove all category because there are certain things that Congress must do.

Mr. QUIE. Don't we have political pressures built up from those who are receiving the categorical aid who would be screaming for continuation of it?

Dr. YOUNG. I suppose so. We certainly built some pressure to continue what little Morrill Act money we have. I think very seriously that you could consider trying both and see what happens. But moving all to the category I think is a mistake.

Mr. HATHAWAY. Do you deal with the regional office or directly with Washington?

Dr. YOUNG. We deal with the regional office. Mr. Freeman, who does that, is not here today because he had a meeting that he had to attend in Boston in the regional office and which was scheduled before this meeting was scheduled here.

As near as I can find out, we seem to be getting along well with the regional office. They are helpful in every way. They come up when we ask them to. I get an impression, and this is an impression of my own and, remember, I have been here only a year so I can make some serious mistakes, but my impression is that sometimes the regional office is somewhat handicapped in the commitments they can make. Perhaps they should be allowed to make more commitments if we are to continue this pattern.

I think this is the tendency in the Government, anyway. Sometimes you talk to a regional man and he can't say yes or no. He has to check back.

Mr. HATHAWAY. You would be in favor of giving them more responsibility?

Dr. YOUNG. Yes, in defining the program.

Mr. GIBBONS. Dr. Young, I am from Florida and this is my first trip to Maine. I know very little about your institution. I would like to put it in a frame of reference so that I can understand it.

Your institution is over a hundred years old. How many students do you have?

Dr. YOUNG. 6,300 on this campus, 1,300 in Portland, and 200 in Centus. These are full-time day students. We have as many part-time students.

Mr. GIBBONS. In the administrative setup, President Young, have you found it necessary to establish some kind of agency within the university to deal exclusively with the Federal programs or do the different departments just go to the Federal Government?

Dr. YOUNG. No one is supposed to make any serious, any formal proposal without clearing through the office of the treasurer to make sure it is legal and binding.