

both boards have agreed that the Federal control is moving in when they tell us they are going to appoint the people who are to operate the program other than the teachers who are in the class of a professional person.

Mr. GIBBONS. Where did that come from?

Mr. RUSSELL. Directly from the director of the OEO office in our area, our county or area office.

Mr. GIBBONS. I am not sure yet to what you are referring. Are you referring to somebody in Boston or in Maine?

Mr. RUSSELL. He refers to and shows us the guidelines that they have. He says you must take these people from this group.

Mr. LEWIS. A man in Lewiston is telling you this?

Mr. RUSSELL. Yes. That is the director of the local OEO office.

Mr. GIBBONS. He has some guidelines?

Mr. RUSSELL. He has guidelines. In fact, we have read his guidelines. It does state they should get the personnel from the poverty group and put them in our schools. This cannot be done. It is impossible. The fact is that they are going to hire them. They are going to direct them. They are going to set a director over our director and run a program.

Mr. GIBBONS. Would you send me a copy of that? I would be much interested in that.

Mr. RUSSELL. Yes; I have sent a letter to Dr. Shriver. I will send the same letter to you.

Mr. GRANT. We sat down in our town. I told him I would be delighted to hire the teachers and handle the education of the 5-year-olds. However, it would not be that way. And if we could not have complete control of the education of the youngsters—he could have the health and everything else—then I wanted nothing to do with it. This is the way we left it. If it can't be that way—that I have complete control of the education—I don't want to be associated with it at all.

Mr. RUSSELL. That is the same position we were in. They said, "We have the funds and we are going to have the authority." Those were the exact words used. So we have voted not to participate in Headstart. Both boards of education, and have left it that way. Of course, they gave us three alternatives, one of which we accepted, where they would not operate the program entirely by themselves separate from the school department. They have not had an executive committee since this has come out. I don't know what is going to come out of it. I feel as educators we have to draw the line.

This is the thing we have been worrying about for years, actually Federal control, Federal people getting into our classrooms and operating programs, and we must not allow this under any circumstances. I believe Headstart should go under HEW.

Mr. GIBBONS. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Chairman, it is long after 5. Although there are other things to be said, I realize you have a plane to catch. I thank you for listening and I trust the hearing here in Maine has been worthwhile to you back in Washington.

Mr. GIBBONS. It certainly has been that.