

E. Funds are provided the grantee as needed by means of a simple request letter.

F. Brief annual progress reports are submitted to N.S.F. until the time of completion of project.

G. A completion report of the project is submitted to N.S.F. and approved or disapproved by them.

H. A post completion inspection and audit is conducted by N.S.F. personnel to assure that all terms of the grant have been met.

Informal discussions with N.S.F. personnel indicate that they have experienced no major difficulty in protecting the federal interest by such a procedure.

Dr. McCANN. Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker, and other members of the committee, I will pick up your suggestion, Mr. Chairman, and perhaps select some of the highlights of my report instead of reading the whole thing.

My name is Richard McCann, executive director of the Higher Education Facilities Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This commission was established by the Massachusetts Legislature to administer title I of the 1963 Higher Education Facilities Act for the construction of facilities for undergraduate programs.

As you may remember, at first during the first years of the activities of this Act throughout the Nation, the program was limited to facilities for engineering, mathematics, the natural sciences, modern languages, and libraries, that is for all but community colleges and 2-year technical institutes in which case the other subject areas were eligible.

The plan of administering the facilities grants by a State commission I believe was determined since the local agency could be in much closer touch with the institutions in a State than could the central Office of Education in Washington which administers titles II and III, the graduate facilities construction program and the loans program of the same act.

Incidentally it is true, Mr. Chairman, that I am not a Federal employee although all our grant funds and our administrative moneys are Federal. This is a State agency. I feel somewhat like a Federal wolf in State clothing, or wearing a Federal jacket and State trousers. At least there is an interesting combination here which is much to be desired.

I would like to review, very briefly, the kind of things the commission accomplished during its 2 years of operation so far.

Mr. GIBBONS. May I ask a question there?

Did Massachusetts, prior to the Higher Education Act have any agency or institution roughly corresponding to what you are doing now?

Dr. McCANN. No. My own work, which was somewhat comparable to this was as research director of the advisory board of higher education policy but this dealt only with the public institutions. Of course with this program we are dealing with the eligible institutions, both public and private.

About \$7 million was the Massachusetts allotment in fiscal 1965 for community colleges. This was on a 40-percent basis as you probably are aware and for other institutions it was on a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ -percent basis.

In that first year of operation \$2.9 million was granted to four public institutions and \$4.1 million to seven private institutions. The system in this State is extremely interesting and I think very well done to