

It is a matter of the Commissioner delegating this authority to bureau directors, who, in turn, will redelegate to the Assistant Commissioner and the region. This delegation has not come out as yet.

Mr. ERLNBORN. You have not yet been delegated this authority. Is that right?

Dr. MARTIN. No. We have in these three programs I mentioned been delegated the authority as to title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the smaller projects under research. We have been delegated that authority.

Mr. ERLNBORN. How is the extent of the funds available to you determined? Will this be broken down on a regional basis? You will be allocated a certain percentage of the funds in the total program?

Dr. MARTIN. Of course, under most programs, the allocation is made by a formula that is set up in the act.

In the case of research, this small projects grant is a new idea. We have been told that this year we have nothing to base it on, no experience. They will allocate a certain amount of money to us, which can be adjusted accordingly. I mean, if we need more, and more is available, we can get it. And then, of course, after a year or two of operation, we will have the experience on which to base an allocation, a more or less firm allocation.

Now, title III of elementary and secondary has the firm allocation for each State.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Prior to this decentralization, there were already regional offices of the Office of Education, I presume.

Dr. MARTIN. Right.

Mr. ERLNBORN. And there are nine regions?

Dr. MARTIN. Correct.

Mr. ERLNBORN. There are also regional offices of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. How many regional offices are there for HEW?

Dr. MARTIN. There are nine.

Mr. ERLNBORN. There are nine, also?

Dr. MARTIN. They coincide.

Mr. ERLNBORN. They do coincide? They use the same physical building, offices, and so forth?

Dr. MARTIN. Right.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Have you found that the practice that you are now following, of having architectural and engineering services rendered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, has caused any problems?

Dr. MARTIN. Not that I am aware of.

I have my representative of the Office of Higher Educational Facilities in the room. He would be aware of any problems. He would be glad to speak to that.

I don't know of any. I think the question of transferring this is based more on the fact that it is now in a separate department, HUD, a new department, and it might be more difficult to work across departmental lines.

You see, at one time, CFA, the Community Facilities Administration, was an independent agency, and it was not difficult working with them, and I don't know that it is difficult now, but at least in Govern-