

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you.

Congressman Erlenborn, do you have questions?

Mr. ERLBORN. I don't believe so, Madam Chairman, thank you.

Mrs. GREEN. Do you see any change in this service statistical provided by the Office of Education through the years?

Dr. HUDSON. No, because we don't get very many statistics. The release of this information comes very slowly. It is almost too late to be of any benefit to us.

For instance, in our office, the latest information that we have on enrollments at educational institutions, higher educational institutions, in the State of Georgia, is for the fall of 1965.

Mrs. GREEN. Is this not, in and of itself, a comment on the ability of the Office of Education to provide meaningful statistics at a time when they would be useful to higher education?

Dr. HUDSON. This is my point, Madam Chairman, that by the time we get the statistics, they are of little help to us. We don't rely on them, particularly.

Mrs. GREEN. Has this always been the case?

Dr. HUDSON. Well, I haven't been associated with the program that long, but I think that through the bureaucratic process it proves pretty slow.

Mrs. GREEN. In the State of Georgia, how nearly do you meet the requests for grants and loans under the Higher Education Facilities Act?

Dr. HUDSON. The program for our State, Madam Chairman, is balanced almost perfectly at this time.

Mrs. GREEN. You are able to meet all of the requests?

Dr. HUDSON. We have at the present time met all of the requests and have about \$4½ million left for the remainder of this fiscal year, so it has been, as I said, almost perfect.

Mrs. GREEN. You are in a very fortunate position.

Dr. HUDSON. Yes, we are. We appreciate the fact that we are in this position.

Now, the other side of the problem would be that our institutions lack the other \$2 to go with the Federal \$1. The needs may be there, but they may not be applying because of lack of funds on their part.

Mrs. GREEN. Have you or your commission, or has the regional office, made any study of this, in terms of the needs and the ability of the institutions to match?

Dr. HUDSON. No. We have not made any detailed study of this.

Mrs. GREEN. In many States they do not have anywhere nearly sufficient funds. The applications for the Federal funds far exceed the available amount. With this in mind I am concerned about your recommendation for 50-50 matching.

I am thinking in terms of spreading the available amount of money over more institutions.

Dr. HUDSON. Well, unless the amount of money would be increased, then there is no advantage to going to the 50 percent.

In my judgment, it would be better to remain at the one-third to two-thirds participation level, and let the money be spread to more institutions by this means.