

any person who wishes to find significant research of recent years, or going on now, related to the problem of multiethnic material, would be able to request information from this electronically operated system.

Mr. BURTON. Let me ask you (1) what State or local school authorities have been notified affirmatively that these studies have been completed or, (2) how many State or local authorities have received the report itself?

Mr. HOWE. This I can't give you a definitive answer on but I would be happy to look up what mailing we have had and what articles we have written. I am sure there will be a good deal of dissemination activities related to those projects. Some of these activities have been conducted by the people responsible for the projects and tests, and some by us.

Mr. BURTON. Do you have these reports compiled in any mass form—lithographed, multigraphed, or printed?

Mr. HOWE. Most of our reports on our research projects are submitted in a somewhat standard form in multicopies and distributed to libraries throughout the country.

Mr. BURTON. What is multicopy? How many would you have in one of these, 50 or 5,000?

Mr. HOWE. It is in the realm of 200 or 300 copies of a report that we ask a person operating a research project to send us. These may be 200- or 300-page documents. They are then filed by us in major library centers so they are available to the educational world there.

I think the electronic system I was speaking of earlier, which is in the process of development, will be much more useful.

Mr. BURTON. I agree with that but my concern is with your statement made earlier that oftentimes research is completed and people are completely unaware of it. They won't ask because they are unaware the study took place. I do have a worry, not just about the operational head or an executive secretary (of one of our public education agencies) but citizens have a responsibility at the State and local levels.

I would think the involved leadership at the National as well as the State and local level should be informed that these studies have taken place. We have a lot of citizen groups working on these problems; many of these have no idea you have even completed a study.

Mr. HOWE. You are absolutely right. This is why we are moving on the new publication of the Bureau I mentioned.

Mr. BURTON. Do you intend in this regard to include on the mailing list organizations or persons within those civil rights organizations, that may have some affirmative interest in the public field?

Mr. HOWE. We would have a wide public service of that kind, and I would imagine it would include the areas you mention. Let me say again that system which allows a person to acquire all the relevant research in short and convenient form and ultimately to get the full documentation, if he needs it, is in our view the most hopeful answer to the problem of information dissemination. This system is well launched.