

that may be performed in private schools are performed there, and that the others are performed properly in the public schools. We are very concerned about getting that information promptly in order to take whatever action we deem necessary and hopefully whatever action you would advise us is necessary and appropriate, because this is the key, overriding purpose which your National Advisory Council was established to serve.

Can you give me some enlightenment as to when we can hope to get it, both the information as to what has gone on or is going on now and some recommendations from you?

Dr. MARLAND. I will try to answer that important question as well as I can as one member of the Council. I think we have not seen yet in the private school issue substantial evidence to cause us to be concerned either way yet. There are exceptions, as you noted, in New York City and Philadelphia. We have not yet collected enough evidence of the lack or the existence of good programs, to say that this is working and that is not working. I think this is part of our job.

Mr. SCHEUER. You collected a lot of other very interesting and stimulating evidence, and you have made some extremely thoughtful and creative, highly intelligent analyses of that data. Why can't you do that in this area we are speaking of?

Dr. MARLAND. If you are implying that we are evading it, I have no reason to believe that we are, Mr. Scheuer. We are not.

Mr. SCHEUER. No sir. I think you have done a marvelous job in the area that you have covered, but you certainly have given very little thought to this particular area. In all of your reports, I wouldn't say that 2 percent of the sheer wordage has been involved in the question of how this program is functioning from the point of view of church-state.

You used the word "evade." I didn't. But it seems to me that there is clear evidence that you certainly have given very little thought to this question. I think there is enough evidence from complaints we have received on both sides of this fence that it ought to be investigated, scrutinized, and we ought to get your judgments. This is what your Council was primarily to do.

Dr. MARLAND. This I did not realize. You told me today for the first time that the Council—and you must remember that we are 12 people who have full-time jobs elsewhere and we are very diligent of our responsibilities in this Council—we are not evading anything, and I have not heard before that one of our principal reasons for being was to investigate the church-state.

If this is true, it is a very important piece of information for us to have. My impression was that we were designed totally to evaluate the progress of the title I. To the degree that this is a very important part of title I, I think we should be doing something about it.

Mr. SCHEUER. To evaluate the operations of title I and scrutinize the church-state implications to make sure that no problems were being developed that were not being solved.

Dr. MARLAND. I would presume, knowing what we know about the gathering of competent people to go out and perceive what is happening in the field, knowing the present limitations on our resources for hiring such persons, that such an evaluation could be made, but prob-