

centers paralleling and sometimes duplicating systems of similar centers established and supported by the States. Title III should be amended in 1967 to require State plans in every State. State systems of regional service centers, administered and financed by State and local agencies with financial assistance from the Federal Government for its own defined purposes, would provide the coordinated services needed in all States.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Also, because I was skeptical of the statement, I would ask that an inquiry be made of the Office of Education. This inquiry brings me the answer that this analysis was based on the work of only one State. Have you a comment to make?

Mr. FULLER. This was based on an analysis of the entire experience which ran at that time, I believe, to about 1,500 projects. It was on official USOE stationery and it was a memorandum. I received permission from the person who signed it to use in any way desired.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Would you comment on my first observation; namely, that in view of the purpose of title III programs to provide supplementary, innovative, and qualitative programs, how could you possibly come up with so sweeping a conclusion as is represented by that statement, whether it came from the Office of Education or the man on the moon?

It sounds to me almost impossible to come up with so sweeping a conclusion.

Mr. FULLER. This is the conclusion of the evaluation by the Office of Education of all of the projects, running into four figures, up to that time.

Mr. BRADEMAs. If you could get me the document, I would be grateful. I guess what I am saying is I don't believe it. It is bogus, as far as I am concerned. I don't believe you can come up with the conclusions that say they are higher quality, more in accord with the educational needs of the States, wiser use of Federal funds.

How can you possibly say that in early November of a program that has been funded for only a few months?

Mr. FULLER. This was in the second year, last November.

Mr. BRADEMAs. I understand that.

Mr. FULLER. This is the statement of the Office of Education. I will be glad to make it available for the record.

Mr. BRADEMAs. I wish you would. I guess I want to go on record and say I don't believe it.

The second point I would make is on the same page of your statement. I refer to your inquiry of chief State school officers about title III amendments. I would be glad if you could submit for the record a copy of your questionnaire.

I would also find it interesting to send a similar inquiry to local school superintendents all over the country. I dare say you might get a different answer. I have talked to school superintendents in my own district and they like the situation as it is very much indeed.

Just as you may be fearful of unwarranted Federal control they are fearful of unwarranted State control. I say that as one, who, as you know, Dr. Fuller, was a strong supporter of increased funding for title V.

I wonder, Dr. Sparks, if you would make a comment on title III