

way you approach this if we have some legal problems attempting to put Headstart programs under the Office of Education here?

Dr. DAILARD. The same thing applies to title II. In the case of title II the grant is made from the U.S. Office to the State agency and then under regulations in the State it is redistributed and the private schools do receive support under title II.

Mr. MEEDS. Title remaining in the public education agency?

Dr. DAILARD. This has created no particular problems so far as we are concerned. We have an opinion from the legislative counsel in California that they would see nothing wrong with legislation that lets money follow the child.

Mr. MEEDS. Maybe we can be very specific about this. I hope we can. So that if a grant was made to the public education agency in California, through the State superintendent's office, of \$5 million for Headstart programs, you would have no legal problem in funding a Headstart program that is being carried on in a church basement with perhaps parochial teachers in some instances?

Dr. DAILARD. If I read that opinion correctly, I think not.

Mr. MEEDS. Would the answers of all you other gentlemen be the same?

Dr. PAQUIN. I am not so sure. I think we would be running into difficulty in Baltimore.

Dr. BRIGGS. I think this is a legal question that none of us would be competent to answer. However, if we are talking about HEW, OEO, we are talking about the Federal Government.

Mr. MEEDS. That is correct.

Dr. BRIGGS. If the Federal Government has the power to do this, that or the other thing through one agency, I am sure the same Constitutional limitations of separation of church and State or cooperation between church and State would exist.

I think if it can be done legally through one arm of the Federal Government it can be done through another arm.

Mr. MEEDS. I hope you are right.

Dr. BRIGGS. I think that what we are trying to say is that Headstart really deals with child growth and development, it deals with the education of the children, and the public schools have been pretty much specialists in this area.

As long as they are this might be more appropriate to them than to some other agency. However, in Ohio, our relationship with the Catholic organizations is a very good one. We might feel a little more comfortable if it were completely in our shop.

Mr. MEEDS. By the same token none of you gentlemen would like to see any of the children who are presently in the group of people being served by this program be cut off. Is that correct?

Dr. PAQUIN. That is correct.

Mr. MEEDS. Those are all the questions I have.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Dr. Briggs, I think my colleague from Oregon asked a question that I would like to push for an answer on because I don't feel that this was really answered. As I read it, the Federal goal that was involved in this, and I was not in the Congress when title I was established, the Federal goal was not to attack inner city problems.