two kinds of recommendations coming to us from witnesses with respect to the transfer.

Almost every witnes has said he would like to see—and every school principal or State school officer has said he would like to see—Headstart, as an example, transferred for its administration to the Office of Education.

But there is something that underlies this that we found when we got into this with the State school officers. What appeared to be an agreement on their part was not when you asked them under what circumstances they would transfer.

In the Elementary and Secondary Education Act we were restrained to carefully restrict the funding of all those programs to public educational agencies. It could not be funded to anyone but a public educational agency except for the new legislation that we are discussing now.

We have not operated under similar restraint while Headstart has been under OEO. As a result we have 30 percent of the Headstart programs and 10 percent of the children involved not being operated by the public schools of the country.

Perhaps some of you have this in your own cities. In favoring the transfer of the educational functions of OEO, including Headstart, to the Office of Education, could it be fairly read that you would favor including the same kind of restraints so that after it gets to the Office of Education it would only then be operating through a public education agency, thereby in effect terminating the contracts or the contacts with agencies other than public school agencies now operating Headstart?

Dr. WHITTIER. Yes, that would be the interpretation I would place on it. Without criticizing the ones that are done, I would interpret this to be a role of public education. If there was some kind of working out some kind of private support, there are two or three programs in our city that we have nothing to do with, but they do involve a very small number of children.

I think the bulk of them are going to be handled in the public school program. Of course, we do service at the present time children from any religious or racial group that wishes to come into the center.

So that we have had a very fine working relationship as far as parochial schools are concerned. I would say, Yes, that is what I would be talking about.

Mr. FORD. Would you have any objection to specifically authorizing the Office of Education to continue funding programs through other than the public schools where that organization seems to be the one most likely to reach the people being served?

Dr. WHITTIER. I think you came up to another problem because actually the programs now go through our local CAP committees and therefore are supported at the local level.

Mr. FORD. But if we make the transfer they won't go through CAP any longer.

Dr. WHITTIER. What you are doing then is specifying what kind of group is going to evaluate the local program. You still have the program now in essence going through the local board in terms of the local antipoverty group. If that group is taken out I don't visualize