ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1967

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1967

House of Representatives.

Committee on Education and Labor,

Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 9:30 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Carey, Meeds, Burton, Scherle,

and Steiger.

Staff members present: Robert E. McCord, senior specialist: H. D. Reed, Jr., general counsel: William D. Gaul, associate general counsel: Benjamin F. Reeves, editor; and Louise M. Dargans, research assistant.

Chairman Perkins. The committee will come to order. A quorum

is present. Do you have any questions, Mr. Steiger?

Mr. Steiger. I do not have a date but Commissioner Howe wrote a letter to the superintendent of schools in Chicago, Mr. Rieman, to quote from the letter he said:

We ask that the board provide a progress report on the resolution of these problems by April 11, 1967.

Have you received from the schools in Chicago a progress report?

STATEMENT OF PETER LIBASSI, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Mr. Libassi. We have not had the final progress report but I would like to ask Mrs. Martin to report to you on the meetings we have had with the Chicago people since that letter was written.

STATEMENT OF MRS. RUBY MARTIN, STAFF ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, HEW

Mrs. Martin. About a month ago we had a meeting with Mr. Redman and the top school officials from the Chicago school system. They indicated that they were interested in a title IV grant from the Office of Education in addition to another kind of grant, which I cannot recall, to do some planning to meet the problems that were raised by our report.

We have had discussions with the school board since they were down here officially. We have had discussions with the complainants,