

Mr. LIBASSI. Yes; I will do that and I will indicate what we are asking in the next fiscal year.

Mr. BURTON. Does HEW's request for the next fiscal year contain a precise amount for your own part of the shop?

Mr. LIBASSI. Yes; we have a centralized account for civil rights and we can identify the exact amounts of money that we are requesting from Congress for civil rights and what portion of that will be assigned to the Office of Education to carry out civil rights activities.

Mr. BURTON. How much was appropriated this past year, do you remember?

Mr. LIBASSI. For the Department as a whole it was \$3,385,000 for the entire Department including the Public Health Service, Welfare Administration, and the vocational rehabilitation agencies, and so on.

Mr. BURTON. How much will have been spent at the end of this year?

Mr. LIBASSI. All of that will have been spent plus more in the sense that the beginning of the last fiscal year we were not under a centralized account and exceeded the \$3,385,000.

We exceeded it by at least \$1 million; so it was roughly \$4,385,000 that was spent.

Mr. BURTON. During this period of the past year centralized accounts were set up?

Mr. LIBASSI. That is right.

Mr. BURTON. How much is being requested in the centralized accounts?

Mr. LIBASSI. Approximately \$5,400,000 is being requested for 1968.

Mr. BURTON. Was that being requested from you to HEW, HEW to the Bureau of the Budget, or the administration to the Congress?

Mr. LIBASSI. It was the administration to the Congress. That was the total amount. We have 278 positions in the entire Department on civil rights, professional and clerical, 278 positions, professional and clerical, and we are asking for a total of 409, which, just to do a little arithmetic here—409 and 278, 131 additional positions.

That includes the General Counsel's staff, the regional office staff, and all of the elements in the Department.

Mr. BURTON. How much of appropriation request for next year reflects new staff positions and how much of it reflects a redefinition of responsibility for reallocation of existing staff positions to this effort?

Mr. LIBASSI. I am sorry; I am not quite sure I get the point of the question.

Mr. BURTON. Will these be entirely new positions or will these be positions that have long since been filled and tucked away in HEW but now will be credited to the civil rights efforts?

Mr. LIBASSI. No; we are very careful not to exceed since the centralized account was established in the last appropriation act; we have been very careful not to exceed that appropriation.

We do not have 278 people on board at the present time working in this, and we are staffing up to that point, but there are not other people tucked away kind of performing this out of other funds.