Then, of course, we have the second-level category of adjustment actions. Those avowedly require more time. The long-term expansion in Government programs, decisions on whether we should have a tax credit or shared revenues or a Heller-Pechman plan.

However, to the extent that the initial actions, the monetary policy, the tax reductions, the unemployment compensation maintain the overall viability of the economy, maintain the growth of the economy, high levels of employment, income and purchasing power, to that extent we make easier the secondary job of essentially the structural shifts required to adjust to peace in Vietnam, the State aid, the long-term expansions in Government programs.

But while we are deliberately, slowly wrestling with these other areas that take more time, I think the thing that needs to be done immediately is the preparation of the first line of offense, so to speak, and I can't see why that is such a drawn out process.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Thank you very, very much, Dr. Weidenbaum. You have been an excellent witness and I will make sure that the absent members discover what they have missed. They will be interested in the record you have given us, and these constructive suggestions are most helpful. I am sure that we will use them in our report here, and also do our level best to try to get exactly the kind of information you propose, because all of us in Congress are troubled, as I am sure the administration is, at errors that we made economically in 1966.

The New York Times properly called it "the year of the economic goof," because of the fact that we were unprepared for this escalation in military cost, and as a result we had these high interest rates, unacceptable inflation, serious problems that we could have avoided with wiser policies, if we had had the information and acted on it.

Your contribution has been just excellent, and I very much appreciate it. Your report will be included in the record of today's proceedings.

The committee will be in session tomorrow morning in room 4200, at 10 o'clock, to hear Professor Leontief of the Department of Economics at Harvard University; Carl Madden, chief economist of the chamber of commerce; and Nathaniel Goldfinger, director of research of the AFL-CIO.

Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, at 3:05 p.m., the committee adjourned until Thursday, April 27, 1967, at 10 a.m.)

(The report referred to follows:)