

I have no reason to doubt these figures. I am sure they are correct. I am sure we can all agree that these figures showing that 992 programs are making full use of involving the poor in the programs is a real tribute to the management of this program across the country.

I think Mr. Shriver has every right to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Erlenborn.

Mr. ERLBORN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Shriver, Congressman Pucinski earlier suggested that you identify the programs that OEO is operating in Mr. Quie's and Mr. Goodell's areas so that they can find out if the poor are represented there.

In line with this I also note in your statement that you find that the most significant difference between the Republican opportunity crusade and the current war on poverty is that the one sponsored by the administration proposes to strengthen OEO with its coordinating power improved.

Later on you say that local communities need a single national source of information. Now along this line as far as the information we get from the OEO is concerned I would like to relate to you the experience I have had with your Information Dissemination Office. Earlier this year your office issued a report as to what Federal funds were spent in the State of Illinois, broken down county by county, to combat poverty.

My county of Du Page, which is about the fourth wealthiest county in the U.S., was listed as receiving some \$29 million which gave me cause for concern.

I wondered just how this happened to be. I had my staff contact your office and we got a breakdown of what those funds were. First of all almost all of the \$29 million was social security benefits; it surprised me these were included in the War on Poverty but this was almost the total sum.

There was one item there, \$44,000, for a TB project in Du Page County. We issued a press release, it was printed in the TB sanitarium district. They called the office and said, "Who got the money? We didn't."

We started to run this down. We were advised by your office that you just had the machine readable forms from the other agencies of the Government, you couldn't identify the project.

We were sent to HEW. They said it must be the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta. We spent about 3 months trying to locate this \$44,000. We finally were told that it was spent in a school district in Cook County.

We thought we had the funds located until we contacted the school district in Cook County and they said they didn't get the funds either.

Now it finally turned out that these were funds that were obligated rather than spent. The press release was a little misleading. But the sum and substance of this whole thing is that the information we received showed \$44,000 spent to combat TB in Du Page County and instead it was a special reading and education expenditure from HEW in Cook County.

If this is the kind of information we are going to get from the OEO, I am not certain it qualifies as an agency for our support.