

Along the same line we have the community action program in the city of Joliet in my district. I think it has been very poorly run. We have one community group that has spent innumerable hours establishing their program. Each time it is submitted it is sent back saying that they have failed to fulfill some guidelines that were not published or else they have been furnished the wrong forms.

Finally they were rejected because their program was too sophisticated.

We have had boys apply to the Job Corps who have waited for a year and still they have not been accepted or rejected. We have tried to find out how much has been spent in the last fiscal year on the War on Poverty in the city of Joliet.

We have three different sets of figures. One from your national office, one from the Chicago regional office and one from the community action program in Joliet.

We have not yet been able to get any of these figures of what has been spent in the past to agree. We are getting closer. The other day the community action director in Joliet, when he found out which reports we were reading, said:

You can't follow those figures. That is a report I just threw together the other day for a report to the City Council. They are not accurate.

It was obvious they weren't.

It is obvious that we have a real barrier here. I am not certain that your agency is giving the proper information. I am not certain in the first place that you should be spending your time getting information as to how much social security funds are being spent and issuing releases to indicate they were spent on the War on Poverty.

One of the members of my staff spent some time in your office trying to find the original press release. They have not been able to locate it. That gives me a sour taste for the Office of Economic Opportunity and really does not convince me that you are doing the job of a central information agency.

Mr. SHRIVER. Could I respond to that, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. I think he wanted to make a speech.

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Chairman, somebody has to balance Mr. Pucinski.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Gibbons.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Shriver, if you would like to respond on my time, if you please.

Mr. SHRIVER. I would not think of taking your time. I will respond to that later and in detail. Not on your time.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead and respond.

Mr. SHRIVER. No, it is not that important. The observations weren't that important.

Mr. GIBBONS. I notice in the budget over here that apparently in the rural programs under title III your request is less this year than the actual for 1966. I notice the estimate for 1967. It is on the first page. Will you explain that?

Mr. SHRIVER. Are you talking about the rural loan program?

Mr. GIBBONS. Migrant workers and rural loan program.

Mr. SHRIVER. The rural loan program does not have to be as big each year as the first year because it is a revolving fund and some money gets paid back into it.