

I believe somewhere you have a chart showing the wages of the youngsters who were employed at the time they went into the Job Corps. Is that chart available to the committee?

Mr. KELLY. Yes. Let me answer the first question first.

As I recall, Mrs. Green, and we have the figure here somewhere, 10 percent of the youngsters that have come into the Job Corps are high school graduates.

Mrs. GREEN. Ten percent?

Mr. KELLY. Ten percent, but the average Job Corps youngster even though he may have finished high school, the average of all of them are still much lower than 12 grades in terms of their reading attainment and their math attainment.

Mrs. GREEN. As I recall, the original program was designed for youngsters that were out of school and out of work. Are there not sufficient young men and women who are not high school graduates? I am curious as to why the 10 percent of the 39,000 would be high school graduates.

Mr. KELLY. We have admissions criteria, Mrs. Green, that are published in the admissions manual which we just got out last January.

Mrs. GREEN. I think you have that on page 20 of your charts.

Mr. KELLY. On page 9 of the admissions manual are the Job Corps admissions criteria. He must be at least 16 and not yet 22, a resident of the United States, must have dropped out of school and have been out at least 3 months at the time of application.

Mrs. GREEN. This is at the point where I wonder why 10 percent are high school graduates.

Mr. KELLY. Let me let Dr. Gottlieb, my educational expert here direct himself to that question.

Mr. GOTTLIEB. Mrs. Green, the high school graduates that we have taken score significantly lower in reading and math than many of the youngsters we have who have only gone to 8 years of school. We have found for youngsters who come out of poverty that there is very little correlation between how many years they went to school, how well they read, how they solve math problems, and their communications skills.

We have youngsters who come out of some of the richest school systems in this country who have high school diplomas in their hands and cannot fill out our application form. Those are some of the youngsters we take under our criteria because without that kind of ability, regardless of the certificate they have, they will continue in poverty.

Mr. KELLY. I think it is interesting that the Department of Defense told me last week that 20 percent of the young people they reject on the written examination are high school graduates.

Mrs. GREEN. Where is the number who are actually employed when they were recruited or when they joined the Job Corps? I did not find that chart here. Do you have it, and is this available to the committee?

Mr. KELLY. We have it here, Dr. Gottlieb is retrieving it.

Mrs. GREEN. Let me ask you this: Isn't it true that there were some of them that were up in the \$1.75 an hour or \$2 an hour wage bracket at the time they were recruited into the Job Corps?

Mr. KELLY. Mrs. Green, really page 10 of your booklet reflects this data. Sixty-five percent of our male youngsters had full-time or part-