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As with the dropouts, the need to learn a trade is given as the primary reason for wanting to join the Job Corps. Getting an education is the second most important reason cited by both groups but the higher level of education of the no-shows makes this factor somewhat less important for them than for the dropouts. Parental encouragement to join is somewhat higher for the dropouts than for the no-shows.

The most significant difference is seen in the work oriented choices - sixty one percent of the no-shows mention "out of work" or "out of school - couldn't get job" compared with forty two percent of the dropouts.

Observation: The pre-screening status of the no-shows, their educational level and reasons for leaving school, and their reasons for wanting to join the Job Corps all point to the specific need this group had to find a job. The Job Corps, while providing training and education opportunities, was also seen as a way of substituting for the missing job.

#### Contact After Screening Interview

There are bound to be difficulties in attempting to notify these young people of their acceptance into the Job Corps. The screener cannot just pick up the phone and call the applicant's home since over a third do not have telephones. Mail delivery also can be erratic when mailboxes are unlabelled and as happens occasionally, the locks are broken. Going in person to the home is time consuming and often difficult.

But even taking these problems into account, it is imperative that each accepted individual be contacted. The screeners have obviously tried and have been fairly successful: