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TITLE: Evaluation of Kilmer, Custer and Parks Reception Centers
GROUP CONDUCTING STUDY: Rodman Job Corps Center Evaluation Team, New Bedford,
Massachusetts
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Purpose: To evaluate the Job Corps Reception Centers. The report concluded that reception centers, as they existed at the time of the study, should be discontinued, because they created confusion among Corpsmen about what to expect at actual Job Corps Centers, and thus may actually have increased the dropout rate at Job Corps Centers.

Method: The evaluation team:

- Interviewed 93 Corpsmen and 95 staff members at three reception centers to determine their objectives, programs, and degrees of success. The team also observed operations at the center.
- Interviewed 60 Job Corpsmen (of the 93, 30 had dropped out of Job Corps), at the centers to which they had been assigned and some of the staff members of these centers, to determine whether their experience in reception centers helped them adjust more readily to Job Corps programs.

Form of report: 73-page written report, with tables, summarizes responses to interviews, general tone and programs of each camp, and overall impressions of value of camps, and makes recommendations for a new type of induction center which would provide a more elaborate series of tests and counseling to determine placement in an urban or conservation center, and would de-emphasize particular vocational programs.

Further Information: Evaluation and Research Branch, Job Corps