

Mr. GARDNER. Finally he was removed after a good deal of pressure was put on OEO.

Mr. SHRIVER. There was no pressure put on it. In this case Congressman Galifianakis brought this to our attention 3 or 4 weeks ago. We have been working on it as a result of his interest. The case has been investigated. I have written letters about it.

Mr. GARDNER. I have been the only one in Durham that knows anything about the investigation. Those people who complained on the board of directors of the community action program had written letters to the director. They have never heard anything at all about an OEO investigation. I think it is quite strange those people who have complained, who are part of this program, part of this local community, have heard nothing.

Mr. SHRIVER. The Congressman from that district seems to be satisfied with the investigation that has been made.

Why don't you run against him, change your district and run against him there?

Mr. GARDNER. I might have that prospect next year.

Mr. SHRIVER. I thought you had.

Mr. SCHERLE. I would be a little careful with those remarks, because if OEO is abolished you might need some Republican votes. You will be out of a job, too.

Mr. SHRIVER. I will be very happy with or without.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Chairman, may I have 5 minutes?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Crook, can you tell me what share of the appropriations are that are allocated to VISTA?

Mr. CROOK. The share of the entire OEO appropriations?

Mr. SCHERLE. Annually.

Mr. CROOK. We have \$26 million this year out of \$2,031 million in the new budget.

Mr. SCHERLE. Thirty-one million dollars in the new budget?

Mr. CROOK. Yes.

Mr. SCHERLE. How many salaried employees do you have other than these dollar-a-year people?

Mr. CROOK. We have 314 salaried employees. Fifty-one percent of them are in the field in the regional offices. The remaining are in the Washington office in Washington.

Mr. SCHERLE. How many are in the field?

Mr. CROOK. Fifty-one percent of 314.

Mr. SCHERLE. Now you have said that the regional officers screen these people. Apparently they volunteer, through civic pride, with the idea in mind that they want to go out and be of assistance? This is what entices them to make application to belong to VISTA?

Mr. CROOK. Yes; I think it is more than VISTA pride. These are people who are very deeply committed to the eradication of poverty in this country. They are driven beyond civic pride because they are willing to undergo personal loss and sacrifice and, in some cases, face personal danger. Move away from their homes, from their background, out into the poverty areas where they live in slums, on Indian reservations, and in migrant barracks.

Mr. SCHERLE. What are their responsibilities after they have been screened and assigned, let us say?