

What we are trying to do is to help these people to become better parents, to be more responsible people. You have to understand again, as was said here earlier, that the youngsters we train are not well informed in many areas of life.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Shriver, they don't need much. This is a natural instinct. They don't need much education in this field.

Mr. SHRIVER. Let me disagree, if I may, with you on that score. There are many things that people do naturally that they do need education about, such as their responsibilities and what those activities mean for their life as mature human beings. That is what we are trying to give to these youngsters.

Mr. SCHERLE. If that is the end of your explanation you did a real poor job of trying to sell me on it. Furthermore, I don't think it will be too convincing to the American public, either.

Mr. SHRIVER. I did not expect to be successful. All I am trying to do is explain what is going on.

Mr. SCHERLE. I thank you very much. When Mr. Kelly and Dr. Gottlieb return, we will have some more questions for them.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SHRIVER. There are actual pamphlets and materials that are used in those programs just as there are in automotive work or cosmetology.

Mr. SCHERLE. I am talking about the pills, Mr. Shriver.

Mr. SHRIVER. The pills? Oh, the pills? Let it be clear—

Mr. SCHERLE. You do not put them in a gas tank?

Mr. SHRIVER. Let it be clear that we have a family planning program under the war against poverty. That program is conducted across the Nation in response to community action requests for those programs. It has so far been conducted in a way, Congressman, that it has not aroused the antagonisms of any religious groups, including yours, in the United States.

I am not trying to say it is perfect. All I am trying to say is that it is being conducted in a way which treats the human beings involved with dignity, and which tries to develop their sense of responsibility.

Mr. SCHERLE. Thank you. I do not feel you have answered my question, but we will let it drop for now.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Dellenback.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Let me say initially, Mr. Crook, that I start off with some very warm feelings toward VISTA and I think the basic concept of utilizing volunteers has great potential so far as making the dollars that we are able to invest in programing go a tremendously long way. Some of the experiences I have had with VISTA leave me with the feeling that you have a number of dedicated and able people in the field. There is some information I would be interested in getting from you while we have this opportunity.

Your first paragraph of your testimony dealt with some statistics on communities and requests and volunteers and so on. Can you in very simple form give us the pattern of selection of the VISTA people from this vast number of applications? How do you finally weed it down? What are the simple basic criteria you are looking for in your VISTA people?