

Mr. SHRIVER. Actually, I didn't say it about Republicans. What I said was that a few Republicans had put these into the record last year—and I cited a few examples of them—of situations which did not involve us and which were alleged to have involved us. There was a systematic number of those that went in one after the other last year. I am very happy to say that it has stopped. It hasn't happened at all for a long time. I don't know what the titles were. I just remember the incidents and as I say, I am very happy that all of that seems to have stopped.

Mr. GOODELL. I believe you were quoted as saying that a professional hatchet job has been done by the Republican Party.

Mr. SHRIVER. Excuse me. If that is what it says I am afraid it is wrong. I have never said that, because right from the beginning we have had terrific support from a number of Republicans, distinguished by the mayor of New York on "Meet the Press." I happened to see him and he was extremely laudatory about the program and, as a matter of fact, I would be glad to have his remarks put into the record. This is not just true of a few, but of a large number of other Republicans and I have noted that on every occasion whenever I have had an opportunity to say it because I am grateful for it.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection it may be inserted in the record.

(The document follows:)

PRESS RELEASE OF JOHN V. LINDSAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Mayor John V. Lindsay and Robert J. Mangum, Northeast Regional Director for the United States Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), jointly announced today that New York City has received federal approval for a program to establish neighborhood law offices in the city's poverty areas.

The Mayor said the newly-designed program, which will provide free legal services for residents of 26 designated poverty areas in the five boroughs, is "a milestone in our efforts to make equal justice a reality for all the people of the city."

The program, under state law, must now be approved by the Appellate Divisions of the State Supreme Court in the First and Second Departments.

The program calls for the operation of 10 neighborhood law offices, with at least one in each borough, which will provide free legal services to the poor in all cases except those involving contingency fees (that is, cases in which the loser pays the legal fees).

The program's full-time attorneys will also provide representation at police precincts in criminal cases and may advise clients before arraignment.

The program will also pay court costs and other expenses involved in cases handled by its attorneys.

Low-income New Yorkers who do not live in one of the 26 poverty areas will be able to get service at the law office nearest to them.

When in full operation, the program will spend about \$4 million-a-year, which will be provided by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Eligibility for the service will depend on the resources and income of a client. Except for hardship cases, an individual will qualify for services if he has an annual income of less than \$3,000. An additional \$500 will be allowed for each dependent.

The Appellate Division turned down an earlier version of the program last November on the grounds that it was too complex for the Court to assure the maintenance of professional standards.

In announcing the new program, Mayor Lindsay said:

"The credit for this accomplishment goes to the Human Resources Administration, its Community Development Agency, the Office of Economic Opportunity and the City and County Bar Associations.