

I have had good debates with you and never said anything like that, or even thought it.

Mr. GODDELL. I appreciate that kindly reference.

Mr. SHRIVER. Well, for example, I was upset last week when the Governor of New Mexico came to Washington and testified before another committee of the Congress and a newspaper the next day had a version of what he said. I called him up to find out what he actually had said, and like some of the rest of us he said, "Well, what I said and what appeared didn't bear much relationship." And he said, "As a matter of fact, I have already called a press conference in Albuquerque and I am going to straighten out the record and make it very clear what I believe." And he did that and was kind enough to send us a telegram about it. What I was referring to were the cases that came up last summer but that is ancient history, I am happy to say. At least I hope it will be.

Mr. GODDELL. If you are referring to the series of investigative reports we made last year, none of which were contradicted in their essential facts, then I think it is a very unfortunate reference. Glib terms like "throat slitting," "professional hatchet job," which don't advance the cause of good legislation at all. We were very careful with those memos to stick to the facts as we were able to establish them with our professional investigators. It seemed to us that those facts should be brought out.

Part of the problem with this is the so-called ballyhoo budget that you have at OEO. Is it true that you have \$2.4 million allocated to public information and public relations at OEO?

Mr. SHRIVER. I don't know that specifically.

Mr. GODDELL. You have 46 employees in your public information office and a \$2.4 million budget. This troubles a good many of us. According to a recent AP story, \$42 million is spent by the Federal executive agencies on self-pleadings, if you will, publicity or public relations. At OEO \$2.4 million for a ballyhoo budget really does bother us. Is that much money really necessary?

Mr. SHRIVER. I would be glad to compare our budget for publicity with any agency carrying on a comparable program under President Eisenhower.

Mr. GODDELL. You have all sorts of reservations.

Mr. SHRIVER. I will be happy to compare it to any program with the same amount of money.

Mr. GODDELL. You don't think \$2.4 million is too much?

Mr. SHRIVER. I don't know about the figure. All I know is that our Department of Public Information is working night and day trying to keep up with requests for information about the program. It is a small office for an agency of this size and compares very favorably with any agency that I know of, or any business concern of comparable magnitude. There are 47 people including all the secretaries that work in that division and they have an annual pay of \$975,000 for them all. Now the additional money probably is to pay for printing of reports that are required here by the Congress and by others. We have to have information on hand about the program. For example, when we launched Project Headstart we had to put out five little pamphlets, each one of which was essential for every community in the United