

make the same argument in terms of attempting to assess whether it is run by OEO or by HEW or Department of Labor because there are other programs which must of necessity concentrate on the poor.

In Wisconsin where I think we have an imbalance in the amount of funds that we have gotten between Headstart and Nelson-Scheuer, we have gotten a tremendous amount of Nelson-Scheuer funds but that has as a result spread, I think, too thin the versatile funds for community action programs in Wisconsin which by local initiative could do things for the poor. I am not at all sure that I entirely agree with what you have just stated.

There may be some programs, I think there are, that should concentrate on the poor. I don't know that you should, therefore, say that everyone of the programs that are authorized and appropriated funds under this act or other acts are necessarily limited to that and I think what happens in Foster Grandparents because of the delegation authority is one of the reasons that I think we should take a long, hard look at OEO to determine whether there should be a spin off of certain or all of the agencies that are now under your jurisdiction.

Mr. SHRIVER. We did spin off a couple without any congressional action where we thought that they were not involving the poor adequately.

In the case of the foster grandparents I am not absolutely sure why you think it isn't appropriate for the poor, when, in fact, it is the poor babies or poor children who are suffering from this lack of attention and there are plenty of elderly poor who need the jobs as a matter of income as well as a matter of psychological satisfaction. We have not been able to reach even those who are poor, the children or the elderly yet. Why is it that that program in your judgment is not one that should concentrate on the poor? I am just interested.

Mr. STEIGER. If in fact our aim is to try and help the poor grandchild in this instance, then it seems to me that this is the kind of program that you ought to open to as many as you possibly can and not limit it just to poor foster grandparents.

Mr. SHRIVER. There are plenty of poor foster grandparents who are not included yet who need the work.

Mr. STEIGER. I agree and they should be given—

Mr. SHRIVER. We want to give it to them.

Mr. STEIGER. But not to limit because then you deprive the child.

Mr. GIBBONS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Chairman, may I just inquire whether it is possible to conclude this tomorrow. I recall that the Chair earlier indicated to the witness that as a special favor tonight we would conclude at 1730.

Chairman PERKINS. I tried to live up to the commitment a moment ago but Sargent Shriver attempted to answer further.

Go ahead, Sam.

Mr. GIBBONS. One of the problems we have in this thing is that I don't believe that all of us, and I include myself in this statement, really understand the dimension of poverty, how great it is in this country but if you took the \$3,100 level as a level that people would automatically step out of poverty and you took all the poor people in the United