

there, Mr. Chairman, to continue to finance the SBDC's, let's say, for 60 days after the 30th of June.

Their request was based on studies maybe that you have seen, too, which indicate to them at any rate that it was a good program, and they didn't want to have us stop it and then have Congress say, start it up again 60 or 90 days later. So we do have an official request to continue it temporarily, pending congressional action. But the reason why we have done what we did was based on our evaluation studies by Dr. Levine's department, which show that that particular program was not being as helpful to the poor, the very poor, as we thought our program should be and, therefore, we were putting it over into another department where their interests were more compatible.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Chairman, one more question.

I know this is not your department, Mr. Shriver, but I note that you also tried to answer the question at one time, so I thought I would bring it up again, relative to this Project Alert. I know it's in Secretary Gardner's Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. However, you did indicate that this had not been funded.

I understand, though, that it has been funded to \$59,000. I am wondering if you have any information that I don't have?

Mr. SHRIVER. The last that I saw was a letter from the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to the people of Los Angeles, stating that it was not going to be funded unless certain specific things were worked out with the Los Angeles police and with others in Los Angeles.

Now, that letter went out, I would say, within certainly the last 2 weeks and maybe within the last week. Therefore, the funds as I understand it at this time are, you might say, suspended pending resolution of some technical questions with the Los Angeles Police Department and others in Los Angeles.

Mr. BELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SHRIVER. I might say in connection with that, if I might, Mr. Chairman—

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mr. SHRIVER. It was interesting this morning on the TV on the Today show to see the Governor of Florida decorating young people who were serving as a Community Alert patrol in the difficulties in Tampa recently. He was on there giving them some sort of a medal to the same kind of people in Tampa which I think HEW was trying to mobilize in Los Angeles on the side of, let's say, the police.

So it is not just, I think, an open-and-shut case that this kind of thing is sort of a, you know, bad idea.

Mr. BELL. It has proven to be a bad idea in Los Angeles, so far as the police are concerned.

Mr. SHRIVER. I think the public sentiment is that way, but it hasn't, in fact, proved to be a bad thing, when you know, things get stirred up.

Mr. BURTON. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BELL. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Dent has the floor.

Mr. DENT. No questions.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Pucinski?