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Mr. JOHNSON. You mean staff attorneys, employed personnel?

Mr. DELLENBACK. Either full time or part time.

Mr. JOHNSON. We have funded now approximately 1,400 full-time attorneys.

Mr. DELLENBACK. How about part time?

Mr. JOHNSON. Very few. I would say 25 or under. I don't have the exact figures on that.

Mr. DELLENBACK. This covers all the various programs throughout the Nation?

Mr. JOHNSON. That's right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. We are not talking about staff counsel for OEO here in Washington?

Mr. JOHNSON. No, we are talking strictly about full-time lawyers employed by legal services projects rendering services to indigents.

Mr. DELLENBACK. What about the basic criteria that you establish for the minimum criteria for participants who want help of this nature? What are the basic criteria? Are they extensive or minimal for any program you approve?

Mr. JOHNSON. Financial criteria?

Mr. DELLENBACK. Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. This is something set not nationally, but locally.

Mr. DELLENBACK. How much variation is there on all of this?

Mr. JOHNSON. Let's take a single person.

The median means test around the country is \$2,200. It ranges from as low as \$1,200 in some of the rural areas to as high as over \$3,000 in some of the urban areas; for a family of four, the average—

Mr. DELLENBACK. May I do this, excuse my breaking in on you. But because time is short, would you supply this for the record, please? I would like very much to know how much variation we have. Mr. Chairman, may I have unanimous consent this be entered in the record?

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection it will be printed in the record at this point.

(Information follows:)

ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS IN THE LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Each legal services project has an eligibility standard which it employs in determining whether to provide legal assistance to an applicant. There is no national standard. Each community establishes its own. The variation has been considerable among different communities. The average eligibility standard for a single person is \$2,240, but the range varies from a low of \$1,200 in some rural communities to a high of \$3,380 in a few large cities. The average for a family of four is \$3,610, but the range is from \$2,500 to \$5,200. These differing eligibility standards reflect differences among communities with regard to economic conditions, cost-of-living and the cost of private legal assistance.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Johnson, tell me how many people are now being served on a nationwide basis with this type of help.

Mr. JOHNSON. We have reached as of the last quarter what would be an annual rate of approximately 400,000 families per year receiving legal advice and representation.

Mr. DELLENBACK. That's families, not individuals?

Mr. JOHNSON. That's right. In most instances, you see, when you are helping an individual, you are really helping his whole family. If he