

Mr. DELLENBACK. Per year?

Mr. JOHNSON. Per year.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Are full-time legal service lawyers generally local or are they brought in from the outside?

Mr. JOHNSON. They are generally local.

Mr. DELLENBACK. They will be within the State, qualified to practice within the State? Generally do you find them in the city in which you are looking for programs?

Mr. JOHNSON. We will fund the local program. The local board will hire the attorneys. Generally they will be hiring attorneys from their locality first and if an unusually capable man from another vicinity wants to come—

Mr. DELLENBACK. Generally you are employing local lawyers. Do you have any qualitative analysis which compares the type of legal service you give with judicare or private practice?

Your dollar analysis is quantitative rather than qualitative.

Mr. JOHNSON. That's right, and the qualitative analysis is not completed. As I indicated, the American Bar Association is doing a qualitative kind of study of judicare and other programs, and the University of New Mexico Sociology Department is going to be doing the same.

Mr. DELLENBACK. May I ask one more question, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman PERKINS. The Chair hears no objection—proceed.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I sought to get this question answered in another field yesterday and I ask you the same type of question, because we are talking about a different field. Part of my concern with many of these services lies in the statement that was given to us on medical services and now given to us on legal services, that what you are seeking to supply is a full range of legal or medical services, the top quality.

If you don't give it to us now, can you give us an answer to be put in the record as a comment on the fact that many of our people who are at least in the lowest levels of the nonpoor don't have the same quality service. We find ourselves in a situation where the poor are getting this full range of legal service. The very wealthy can afford this same full range, and in between the average Joe Doak is not in a position to afford this, particularly those that come closest to the poverty level.

I don't ask you for a full explanation now, because neither of us has the time. I would welcome an answer on what you feel ought to be done in this area.

(Information follows:)

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE LOWER AND LOWER-MIDDLE CLASSES

In recent weeks some question has been raised about the availability of legal assistance for middle class or lower middle class individuals who do not qualify for assistance from a legal aid or legal services office. Can this individual obtain legal counsel at a rate which he can afford, and does the legal assistance which he does receive compare favorably with that received by the very poor or the very rich.

The first question can be answered in the affirmative: Legal assistance is generally available to all persons. First, the local legal services programs apply a flexible indigency standard which is devised to take account of the size of the family, outstanding debts such as recent medical expenses, and the recent em-