

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Chairman, I ask that the gentleman be permitted to proceed for 3 more minutes.

Chairman PERKINS. The gentleman is recognized for 3 additional minutes.

Mr. GARDNER. I quote from your letter:

CAP memo 50-A specifically states in outlining the explicit instructions of political activity, certain nonpartisan political activities are permitted. These are activities in connection with campaign for office which are run on a nonpartisan basis and are of a strictly local character, that is, completely unrelated with issues and candidates identified with a national political party.

I think this goes back to the——

Mr. SHRIVER. Let me say, does it go back to the——

Mr. GARDNER. At the end of your letter——

P.S. You incidentally seem to think I appear to deny the facts in your investigation. I say our investigation conducted did not show any violations of our act or regulations.

Mr. SHRIVER. That is correct. Now let me explain——

Mr. GARDNER. You said just a minute ago—did I misunderstand him, Mrs. Green——

Mr. SHRIVER. No, the difference is this. You just said that certain things were going on down there and that I justified those things on the basis that it was a nonpartisan election. That is not what I said.

I wasn't even commenting upon the things that you talked about.

Mr. FORD. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHRIVER. Those are some of the facts that are under contest, whether those things actually did or did not take place. The quotation in my letter has to do with the OEO regulations and with the Hatch Act regulations as interpreted by the Civil Service Commission, which if I am properly informed, do say exactly what we say in that letter.

That is not my idea. That is the Civil Service Commission idea.

Mr. FORD. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out here we have a difference of opinion. Apparently you feel that registration drives as such are proper and that it's all right to fund this through the poverty program because it's an act of citizenship. The problem with that, Mr. Shriver, as you well know, is that both parties will engage in registration drives. It isn't very difficult for the Republican Party to pick out the section of town where they are going to get a three- or four-to-one vote. It is not very difficult for the Democratic Party to pick out the sections and the blocks where they will get a two- or three- or four- or five-to-one vote.

Likewise, in a so-called nonpartisan election and not identified with a Republican or Democrat at a local level, it isn't very difficult to pick out the precincts or wards where a given candidate is going to get a sizable portion of the vote.

It is my understanding that in the results of the election in Durham this point was directly affirmed. This is what happened.

One of the candidates was clearly going to get a high proportion of the votes from two or three areas where the poverty workers spent their time.

Mr. GARDNER. Ten or twenty to one.

Mr. GOODELL. They spent their time for 2 or 3 months in the registration office with the election clerk, who has affirmed this. These were