

community action workers, full time, during working hours, spending their time copying the lists in these select areas. And then, of course, these were used in the election to get the voters out. The results very clearly showed an overwhelming vote for one of the candidates in those select areas.

I think this illustrates the danger we are talking about, not only in terms of partisan or nonpartisan, but in terms of registration.

Registration drives can be very partisan, and usually are, unless they are conducted by the League of Women Voters or some nonpartisan group.

The potential is there for tremendous damage to the poverty program and damage to public officials.

Mr. BURTON. Will the gentlemen yield?

Mr. GARDNER. You brought out the League of Women Voters and I again quote from Mr. Shriver's letter:

I am sure you know numerous civic organizations, including the League of Women Voters, long have been engaged in assuring that all eligible Americans are registered so they may be able to exercise their choice on election day.

And I wholeheartedly support the activities of those involved doing it not at the expense of the American taxpayer.

There is a difference. The League of Women Voters are not financed by the taxpayer, and I see a vast difference between the two.

I might also say for the record that you have said several times that the facts that I have brought out in the Durham, N.C., investigation are being disputed. These facts that I have mentioned have been admitted in writing by the operation breakthrough employees——

Chairman PERKINS. I will call for order.

Mr. FORD. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask unanimous consent to insert at the point in the record where Mr. Gardner was alluding to Durham, N.C., a copy of the Operation Breakthrough memorandum that went to the employees prior to the Saturday, May 13, election, to wit, on May 11, specifically admonishing them——

Mr. PUCINSKI. I reserve the right to object until I have read the memorandum.

Mr. GARDNER. May we insert the entire investigation that was done by the minority investigator on the Durham, N.C., case, which includes this?

Mr. PUCINSKI. I renew my reservation, Mr. Chairman. I would like the gentleman to read the letter.

Mr. FORD. It is a memorandum on the letterhead of the operation breakthrough, William R. Pursell, executive director.

(The memorandum referred to follows:)

To: All Staff Members.

From: William R. Pursell, executive director.

Date: May 11, 1967.

Subject: Use of Facilities and vehicles on Election Day, May 13, 1967.

This is to officially inform you that no vehicles and/or facilities of operation breakthrough are to be used in any way in support of any individual or slate of candidates in the General Election on May 13, 1967. This is to be interpreted as meaning that only normal Saturday program activities will be allowed on this day. It is also to be interpreted that no vehicles and/or offices can be used to get voters to the polls. It is further to be interpreted that no staff members will be reimbursed either in salary or compensatory time for election related activities on this day.