

1040 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

the eleven vehicles operated by Operation Breakthrough was in use at all on Saturday, May 13, 1967; and it was used solely to transport N.Y.C. enrollees to the John Umstead Hospital and back. No staff member of Operation Breakthrough performed any official duty in connection with the May 13, 1967, election. Only a supervisor at the Children's Museum, another supervisor on duty at John Umstead Hospital and one bus driver engaged in transporting N.Y.C. enrollees can be ascertained to have performed official duties on that date. To a limited extent I was myself on duty but only to assure that my earlier instructions were being complied with.

All the requirements or laws and regulations have been honestly complied with to the fullest extent of my knowledge and ability. As Executive Director I have vested in me only such authority over the private lives and activities of Operation Breakthrough employees as Congress has authorized. It is my belief that any unwarranted attempt to extend this authority would raise the serious question of constitutional infringement.

CAP EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT IN NONPARTISAN ELECTION ACTIVITIES

The Executive Director of Operation Breakthrough is guided in the formulation of policy concerning employee political activities by national OEO regulations and by the policy decisions of the OBT Board of Directors.

OEO permits certain non-partisan political activities "in connection with campaigns which are run on a non-partisan basis and are of a strictly local character. . . ." (see CAP Memo 50-A, page 4, para. 3).

The Executive Director documented the non-partisan character of the May 13 election:

- 1) By a phone call to Mrs. Ann Hunt of the Durham League of Women Voters, placed by Mr. Ben Ruffin, Area C Coordinator, at the Director's request on the morning of April 25th.

- 2) By phone calls to the Durham Board of Elections, placed by Aden Field, Administrative Assistant, and Lawrence Kelly, Senior Administrative Assistant, at the Director's request on the same morning.

- 3) For further documentation, a clipping from the April 26th issue of the Durham Sun, and a pamphlet from the League of Women Voters are included.

The Executive Director placed a call to Dr. Charles Watts, President of the OBT Board of Directors, at approximately 12:45 p.m., April 25th, and secured his opinion as President that it was the intent of the OBT Executive Committee, in its only relevant action in May of 1966, only to bring OBT policy on election activity into consistence with that of OEO; and that this action does not preclude the activity of OBT employees in the upcoming non-partisan election.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH, INC., MAY 18, 1967

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Dr. Charles Watts.
Mr. David Currie.
Mr. William D. Higgs.
Mr. Julius Corpening.
Mrs. Christine Strudwick.
Miss Delois Vines.

The following members of the staff of Operation Breakthrough were present:

Mr. William Pursell.
Mr. Gerald Underwood.
Mr. Scott Puckett.
Mrs. Louise Crosby.
Mr. Lawrence Kelly.
Mr. Ed Stewart.
Mr. James Pilgrim.
Mrs. Maria Hamilton.

1. *Approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of April 20, 1967:*

Mr. Currie moved that the minutes abovementioned be approved as written. This motion was seconded by Mr. Higgs and unanimously voted.

2. *Board Retreat:* Mr. Pursell stated that the answers from the questionnaires that were distributed to the Board members at the last meeting indicated the