

same response as the previous questionnaires: although the Board had officially approved retreat in principle, an insufficient number of members were actually able to attend. Reviewing the correlation of the answers, he stated that no more than ten members would be able to attend a retreat at any given date. Mr. Currie moved that the Board rescind its approval of a retreat. However, there was no second to this motion. Mr. Corpening then suggested the possibility of an informal meeting in a comfortable setting in Durham to discuss the report. Dr. Watts pointed out that Operation Breakthrough had a responsibility to act in terms of the North Carolina Fund Report. Mr. Corpening asked whether it would not be valuable to divide the report up into sections and assign these sections to a subdivided Board. Mr. Currie stated that there would be some virtue in the Operation Breakthrough staff's reporting to the Board what actions had already been taken as a result of the report. Mrs. Crosby asked whether it would be helpful for the staff to make a report of the main features of what action had already been taken by Operation Breakthrough and then let the Board deal with the remaining portions. Mr. Corpening then suggested that a subcommittee composed of members of the Executive Committee and the staff of Operation Breakthrough intensively review the report in the light of what has already been done and what ought to be done. Dr. Watts stated that he thought that this was a workable plan. Mr. Pursell added that he thought that it would be excellent for such a subcommittee to take an evening and come to grips with the report pulling out the features that have been implemented and then presenting the full Board with a complete report.

Mr. Corpening moved that the Executive Committee approve the formation of an ad hoc subcommittee of several members of the Executive Committee and Operation Breakthrough staff to study the North Carolina Fund Report. This motion was seconded by Mr. Higgs and unanimously approved.

First asking for any volunteers for this subcommittee, Dr. Watts appointed the following: Mr. David Currie, Chairman, Miss Delois Vines, Mr. Victor Bryant, and Mrs. M. H. Thompson. Mr. Pursell asked that the appointment of the staff members be withheld until he had made an evaluation of the responsibilities being created by individual staff members. Mr. Higgs suggested that he employ the talents of Mrs. Crosby before she left Operation Breakthrough at the end of May.

3. *Summer Head Start:* Mr. Pursell stated that for four weeks the Office of Economic Opportunity had been promising that any day the approval of the Summer Head Start Proposal would be signed. Despite daily contact with Washington, this approval has not yet come. However, they have given Operation Breakthrough their assurance that the grant would be signed minus only \$3,000 from the proposed plan. This \$3,000 is the result of the deletion of the positions of medical-social coordinators. Unfortunately, the Office of Economic Opportunity often does not look at proposals from a local viewpoint and cuts positions which appear from their point of view to be low priority. These positions may be reinstated, however, by the additional use of volunteer services from the school systems in place of other funded positions. Mr. Pursell, stating that May 1 had been the school's deadline, emphasized his concern that if the proposal is not signed by Friday, May 19, 1967, the school systems will not be able to function responsibly. Mr. Corpening asked if Mr. Sanchez was aware of this problem. Mr. Pursell answered that he had told Mr. Sanchez this and had told him of the County School system's being asked to operate a Follow Through program which might be hamstrung by long delays in approval. The Office of Economic Opportunity did give Operation Breakthrough the staffing patterns for the program and this relieved the situation somewhat; however, they neglected to specify the money allotted to each position. Apparently, he pointed out, the proposal is in the typing pool of the Office of Economic Opportunity and cannot be signed until it is completed. Mr. Pursell stated that he had offered the use of his secretary but they had stated that this was not necessary.

4. *Letter from Mr. A. C. Sorrell:* Mr. Pursell read both the letter he had received from Mr. A. C. Sorrell, requesting information about the activities of Operation Breakthrough's employees both on and off the job on Saturday, May 13, 1967, and his response to Mr. Sorrell. This stated that he would bring Mr. Sorrell's request to the attention of the Executive Committee Reviewing the situation which culminated in Mr. Sorrell's request. Mr. Pursell stated that undoubtedly the members of the Executive Committee had read of the accusations thrown at Operation Breakthrough for its activity in "political affairs." Reading from CAP Memorandum 50-A, which dealt with the restrictions on CAP agencies of their political activities, Mr. Pursell called the Executive Committee's atten-