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Mr. BERRY. No, sir; they have not purchased any merchandise.

Mr. SCHERLE. Then will you explain to me exactly what this is?

Mr. BERRY. I will give you a full digest from the highlight of the program and for the committee as a whole. I don't have it here available but I will furnish it.

Chairman PERKINS. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. Dellenback.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Chairman, may I reserve my questions and let Mr. Gardner go forward.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Gardner.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Berry, has the neighborhood center program been successful thus far?

Mr. BERRY. We think it is being marked by substantial evidence of success.

Mr. GARDNER. I understand you had a report compiled. I think it was done by the Kirschner Associates out of New Mexico.

Mr. BERRY. Yes.

Mr. GARDNER. In 1966. They have certain phases of it that they were very critical of. Has anything been done to try to strengthen these particular areas they pointed out, or did you place any reliance in the report?

Mr. BERRY. Yes, we did place reliance in the report. I would like Mr. Hess, who is my chief of program planning, to make some comments on the implementation of the findings of the Kirschner report. We have certainly taken them into consideration. We felt it was consistent to have an objective evaluation.

Mr. GARDNER. Could we have a copy of this report? Is it available?

Mr. BERRY. Yes, we can make it available.

(The information requested follows:)

Subject: Highlight Memorandum for the Consumer Action Program of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc. (CABS).

I. GRANT SUMMARY

(a) Grantee: The Consumer Action Program of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc. (CABS), 247 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11216. Region: Northeast.

(b) Cost:

Total cost-----	\$380,320
Non-Federal -----	
Federal -----	380,320

(c) Grant #CG-67-8445.

(d) Title: CABS, Inc.

(e) Section 207 Demonstration.

(f) Length of Grant: April 1, 1967-March 31, 1968.

II. PROJECT SUMMARY

(a) (1) Previous Grant: None; (2) This Grant: \$380,320, one year; (3) Future Grant (estimate): \$577,000,* one year. Total, \$957,320, two years.

(b) Results to date: Pre-planning has resulted in the organization of 64 target area blocks and consumer councils, the training of 70-80 aides, contact established with 64 small local business firms, and the organization of over 7000 persons preparatory to the organization of a community credit union.

*Increase for the second year is based on the estimated need for additional personnel and program expansion to other project areas in the neighborhood.