

Mr. BERRY. But there is no such rule as carries the import of your question.

Mr. GARDNER. I yield the balance of my time.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Steiger.

Mr. STEIGER. Mr. Chairman, thank you. The needs of the migrant worker without question are critical. I don't think any of us would argue with that underlying premise. I would have several questions, Mr. Klores, some of which involve my State and some of which involve other States. I saw the report in the Washington Post on May 30 in which it was reported by the Associated Press that the General Accounting Office said yesterday it has found fairly extensive evidence that Federal antipoverty funds were used in efforts to unionize farmworkers in Florida last year.

Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would like to ask unanimous consent that the report of the General Accounting Office on the situation in Florida made at the request of Representative Paul Rogers of Florida, be inserted into the record.

Chairman PERKINS. Is there objection?

Mr. PUCINSKI. I object.

Mr. Chairman, would not it be wiser to put that in the appendix of the record?

Mr. SHRIVER. That is already a public document in case nobody knows it.

Mr. STEIGER. I would have no objection to putting it into the appendix; no, sir.

Mr. PUCINSKI. I withdraw my objection.

Mr. STEIGER. There were a couple of things uncovered as I understand it from the GAO report. It was suggested that OEO recover the funds financed by OEO for the reimbursement for travel expenses that were used during these efforts. Has any effort been made to recover those funds pursuant to the GAO investigation?

Mr. KLORES. I am very happy that you have included the entire report in the record and not just the news articles because the Comptroller General in his cover letter in the report to Mr. Rogers states that it appears that certain employees of the grantee engaged in what may be considered political and union activities. And Federal funds were used to reimburse some of these employees for certain expenses incurred while carrying out these activities. He says also as will be noted in the bottom of the letter there are certain inconsistencies in the information obtained. That is why I am pleased that the entire report was put in the record and not just the news article which I think was a little distorted. We have sent these reports to the American Friends Service Committee and to the community action fund for their comments and that is the first step in what we do in any report. Those reports were given to Congressman Rogers first. They were never officially sent to us. We have just gotten our official copy and those reports went out and we asked for a reply in 30 days and we will take whatever action is warranted. We do not in these grants sanction union organizing activity. We feel that the American labor movement is sufficiently strong to unionize people if they so need it and that it is not our function to provide Federal funds in these grants to unionize farm laborers into a labor union.