

For some number of years prior to the creation of the Office of Economic Opportunity there had been innovation through other agencies of the Government. We have seen some spectacular and rather sensational and inspiring new programs started in these other agencies. I don't accept the immediate assumption that seems to be underlying everything that we talk about in the poverty program: that if we want a new approach it must come from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Mr. SHRIVER. I want to say that we don't claim that we have perfect coordination in everything. So, since that has never happened before, I want to be the first to do it.

Mr. GOODELL. You do claim perfect coordination between Upward Bound and Talent Search.

Mr. SHRIVER. I wanted to cite one example where we did not claim perfect coordination but when it was not working we got rid of programs without pressure from anybody. Title I-C we transferred out of our agency because we felt the coordination could be effected better over in the Office of Education. We transferred that. Nobody forced us to do it.

We did the same thing with the Small Business Administration loans. We propose to do it with the Small Business Development Center. We did it with nobody forcing us to do it.

Mr. GOODELL. There have been a number of examples in OEO where the evidence of lack of coordination has been so overwhelming that you came forward and admitted it.

Mr. SHRIVER. We did come forward and admit it. We took the initiative of saying that somebody else should do it.

Mr. GOODELL. You claim to have perfect coordination, so far as Upward Bound is concerned, with other Federal programs.

Mr. SHRIVER. Let me repeat what Dr. Frost said, I think before you came in; namely, it was like comparing apples and oranges at this stage. Upward Bound is working with different clientele. He has effected in addition to that, I believe, pretty good coordination with the Office of Education.

But there is not a great need at this stage for elaborate coordination because the group he has been working with has been so untouched and nobody working in there at all that there is no overlap now.

Maybe there will be sometime in the future, but as of now there is not. Isn't that right, Dick? If it is wrong, say it is wrong.

Mr. FROST. That is right except in this one instance. Every Upward Bound graduate or alumnus will, of course, need financial aid. The Federal financial aid programs are, of course, in the Office of Education.

We are working just this month and next month very closely with those people, I must say very easily. There are very good people over there. I find them very easy to work with. We are putting the actual name of such a youngster who graduated from an Upward Bound program at such an such a place and has applied at such and such a college and while he has been accepted he does not have enough aid or something.

David Johnson from EOG in the Office of Education moves right then and there on that youngster's problem.

Mr. GARDNER. I still don't seem to understand the answer to Mr. Goodell's question.