

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Chairman, I will ask unanimous consent to proceed for 1 additional minute.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mr. GARDNER. I don't understand the answer you gave to Mr. Goodell's question. Could you possibly give a yes-or-no answer? Do you have excellent and perfect cooperation between the two departments?

Mr. FROST. Depending on which adjective is going to be used—

Mr. GARDNER. How about a simple yes or no?

Mr. FROST. Is there good cooperation, sir?

Mr. GARDNER. Yes.

Mr. FROST. Yes.

Mr. GARDNER. Is it perfect?

Mr. FROST. No, it is a 60-cent cab ride over there to their building. So it is not perfect.

Chairman PERKINS. Sargent Shriver, do you agree that you are in a better position to mount a massive attack on this youngster that you are presently reaching in the Office of Education and do you feel that until you get this program off the ground, it will take several years, just like we enacted the category approach under the NDEA bill several years ago and this year we have abandoned the category approach altogether, as I understand.

We will continue to concentrate until we bridge this gap where only 8 percent go to college of these "C" youngsters, or worse, that you are reaching at the present time in this great number of 1,400,000 poverty high school students.

The Office of Education had never made any effort to reach this group prior to your Upward Bound program and were not successful in reaching this group, am I correct in that?

Mr. SHRIVER. I don't know enough about the history of the Office of Education to be able to substantiate the last part of your statement, Mr. Chairman. Many people on this committee know more about that than I do.

Chairman PERKINS. They have made an effort but never made a massive effort.

Mr. SHRIVER. So far as I know a massive effort was not made. That is why we tried to inaugurate an effort, too, to reach these youngsters. I think the issue really is as to whether substantial savings, for example, to the taxpayer might be accomplished by such a transfer, whether substantial improvements in the program—maybe somebody should be running it better than Dr. Frost—I don't think so, myself, but I am happy to hear Congressman Dellenback speak so favorably about Dr. Frost. Dr. Frost has a man with him now, who is from western Washington State University who has run a very successful program in Upward Bound. I think the leadership, the staff, the costs, the success, let me say the results, of the program are extremely encouraging.

As a matter of fact, I would say they are verging on being extremely successful. I don't see what is gained at this stage by a transfer because these fellows are working on the poor and I think doing an exceptionally good job.

Chairman PERKINS. You have perfect cooperation with the colleges and universities.