

Mr. SHRIVER. So far as I know, for example—I don't know, maybe Dr. Frost can tell what the attitude of the colleges has been about the operation of the program here. Maybe they are complaining, I don't know. I haven't seen the complaints. Maybe they don't like the way we are doing it. Maybe they want to get out. I don't know.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you want to comment on that, Dr. Frost?

Mr. FROST. Not only do they not want to get out but the number who wish to apply rapidly increases. I had the good fortune of having been a college official, myself, prior to coming here and having to put up with a fantastic, at least it looked to us, a fantastic array of problems from Federal agencies. We have in this agency, with the strong support of Mr. Shriver, kept this a fairly simple business. We have very few complaints from the colleges and no college in Upward Bound has ever asked us to look into the college question of moving the program to any other agency.

Chairman PERKINS. Mrs. Green.

Mrs. GREEN. Let me follow through on something you said a moment ago, Dr. Frost. In regard to the financial assistance for the graduates from Upward Bound, what is the procedure you follow? You said you went over to the Office of Education. Will you take it from there?

Mr. FROST. Yes, Mrs. Green. The youngster with the help of his local Upward Bound project director applies to colleges, usually nearby because it is costly to go elsewhere. Where they are applying we get reports. Where we notice a youngster who has been accepted, let us say, at Los Angeles State, but Los Angeles State has run out of its EOG money, we call David Johnson immediately, give Dave the name of the youngster and he, I understand, gets in touch with the administration people there and the financial aid people there.

What we have not done, and I would appreciate your advice on this, what we have not done, either of us, is earmark any EOG money or loans or any Office of Education money specifically for Upward Bound youngsters.

Mrs. GREEN. You gave me the example that they run out of EOG money. You call Dave Johnson. Dave Johnson does what?

Mr. FROST. He apparently gets them some more EOG money that he has because of some unused money in California or unused money in other states. He has flexibility to transfer unused money around.

Mrs. GREEN. You are saying that these youngsters, because of your program, have top priority for work-study funds and EOG funds.

Mr. FROST. I would like to think he would respond the same way to a call from a financial aid officer of any college in the State. He and I have agreed to not try to earmark and thus give the top priority to a lot of Upward Bound youngsters. There are a lot of poor in America and only a few are Upward Bound.

Mr. GIBBONS. Is it not more like following up an investment you have already made. You have made an investment of time and money in this youngster. It is not like there are surplus funds in one area and you transfer to another. It makes a good business sense to not let your investment fly out of the window because you have gone this far with it. That is about all that it really amounts to.

Mr. FROST. That is because we are talking about the youngster who has already been accepted and thus the investment is a sure thing if we can get him in.