

Mr. LEVINE. 112,000 poor kids?

Mr. GURNEY. No. That is my figure. And 8 percent of 1,400,000.

Mr. LEVINE. There are about 500,000 poor kids each year, in that general age range. Eight percent of 500,000 is 40,000. I don't know the source of the 112,000.

Mr. GURNEY. It is your figure, 1,400,000 in this group. What does the figure mean?

Mr. LEVINE. We may have had a figure in the college age group. There are about 500,000 in each year's age group. Eight percent of 500,000 is about 40,000. I am trying to figure out—I don't know where the other 112,000 came from.

Mr. GURNEY. The figure of 112,000 is 8 percent of 1,400,000 which is the figure you furnished or Dr. Frost did earlier in the testimony.

Mr. SHRIVER. That figure has not been furnished with respect to Upward Bound.

Mr. GURNEY. This is the whole poverty group in the country.

Mr. SHRIVER. The only time that a figure like that—

Mr. GURNEY. Excuse me, go ahead.

Dr. FROST. Sir, I would like to answer your original question if I may because it is a very important question. I would like to get the distinction clear. The non-Upward Bound youngsters who are economically poor, who go on to college, in my judgment would be high-performing youngsters so good that colleges would give their own resources and scholarships and so forth to them.

The Upward Bound youngsters on the other hand, three-quarters of them have C averages or worse in high school. This is not the conventional college going population. I think OEO can reach that strata somewhat more effectively. That is all I think I have said here.

Chairman PERKINS. The gentleman from Washington, Mr. Meeds.

Mr. MEEDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First, may I compliment Dr. Frost on his presentation of testimony and the operation of an excellent program. I also would like to compliment you on your choice of colleges.

For the record, Mr. Thomas Billings, who has become Deputy Director of Upward Bound, is a very esteemed member of the academic community in Western Washington College in Bellingham, Wash., where he has operated for over 2 years now an excellent Upward Bound program that has achieved phenomenal results in our area.

The first year, of the 50 people that they took from the local area in the group of people we are talking about, 45 of 50 returned and in the second year 49 of the 50 returned.

I am very much interested to see that this program is continued and would like to point out or rather ask in this instance if there is not a considerably higher demand or request for funds than we have been able to meet so far.

Is that not correct, Dr. Frost?

Dr. FROST. Yes, sir.

Mr. MEEDS. The figures I have are that there are 248 programs operated currently and that in this fiscal year you had to turn down 125 colleges or universities requesting funds for programs because you did not have them.

Dr. FROST. Yes, sir.