

you have got us just a little confused, maybe more so than some of the Department heads. I don't know.

Secretary WIRTZ. I appreciate that point. It is at this point comparatively easy to identify the Department of Labor responsibility.

It includes now, except for the Job Corps, all those programs which involve employment, work training, work experience, any kind of employment or training in connection with employment.

Mr. SCHERLE. I thank you, Mr. Secretary.

And, Mr. Chairman, thank you, too.

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Secretary, the quotations that I gave you I will not pursue further, except to say what is quoted in the Chicago Sun-Times was part of a series of articles that were very understanding and I think quite constructive in their approach to these problems of poverty, some of the programs that are doing well, and some that are not, and I would not have expected them to quote from out of context.

With that, I will give you the references to the quotations and have you check it out for these people.

Secretary WIRTZ. I have checked it out. I have in the interim checked it out.

I would be glad to add to the record. I would be very grateful if Mr. Sviridoff, Mr. Banks, Mr. Riessman—if arrangements could be made to have their full position added to this record, either by their own testimony or anybody else's, because I know what it is.

I don't think there is any point in exchanging quotations. That just does not give a fair picture, Mr. Goodell, of their views.

(The letter referring to quotations appear in hearings of June 12, 1967.)

Mr. GOODELL. We obviously would be delighted to have their positions on the matter.

It would appear that unless they are inaccurate quotations, there at least is some unhappiness and disgruntledness at what has been set up.

You were quoted, Mr. Secretary, last night, on making the statement, "We are spending money in the war on poverty as rapidly as it can be responsibly spent."

Is that statement in context with our present considerations?

Secretary WIRTZ. It is.

May I modify it only to the extent—you will think this is coincidence, and I suppose it has elements of coincidence in it, but it has more than that.

The new budget is up from \$1,600 million, to \$2.06 billion, and I think probably that change is just about in line with the increased competence that comes with that much more experience, because my statement in December was that it just takes increasing know-how to do this job right.

So I would stand with that statement, subject only to change in the budget.

Mr. GOODELL. In other words, you are basically in accord with the budget figures on this point; \$2.06 is about the right figure now—

Secretary WIRTZ. Surely, with no pretense of being able to reduce it to a particular dollar, but on the general reaction of knowing how much we have in these particular programs, knowing how hard we are pressed to do the right thing with that much money.