

Secretary WIRTZ. I don't think there is much to add except two things. First, that we are talking about experimentation in this area. We are 100 percent for it. As a matter of fact, you should know that in the budget that we submitted this year for fiscal 1968 we included an identification in the E. & D. program, experimental and demonstration program, of an item for an expanded experimentation.

We would be in favor of the experimentation on it. There is no question about that. I would add only this: Regardless of what I may have said, if there is any situation in which an individual can be salvaged, recovered, redeveloped, at equal expense, (a) publicly, (b) privately, we will subscribe to the private doing it.

Mr. GOODELL. Of course, that assumes all the points about which we might differ. We are quarreling only about whether the programs as designed and proposed would accomplish certain agreed-upon objectives.

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes; that is right.

Mr. GOODELL. Have you had an opportunity to look over our suggestions contained in the opportunity crusade—title X of H.R. 10682—with reference to the beginning move toward quantifying job opportunity? As you well know, since the original bipartisan days of the Manpower Development and Training Act expansion, it is an area in which I have had great interest. I must say I am very discouraged over the lack of funding by Congress, or action by the Labor Department along this line. I recognize many of the hurdles we face. Nonetheless it seems to me we are still too far away from knowing the facts about skill requirements, occupational outlook, job opportunities, labor supply in various skills, and employment trends at the National, State, or local level, all of which, it seems to me, we are now developing the tools to obtain.

I would like your general comments about this. Perhaps we won't do this as part of the poverty legislation. We could put this directly under the Secretary of Labor, since it is a logical part of the manpower program. As you know, we wrote such provisions in the Manpower Act but they have not been fully implemented.

Secretary WIRTZ. We are not at all far apart on this one. You asked for my comment in general. Then I think it is of enough importance that some supplementation by Mr. Ruttenberg would be helpful. I am all in favor of getting more job availability data of one kind or another.

I am all in favor of putting the matching of that data on jobs and training opportunities with the individual available data on the most efficient basis possible.

I call attention to the fact that there was a recommendation along these lines by the National Commission on Technology, Automation, and Economic Progress, headed up by Dr. Howard Bowen.

I went out of my way in Japan last year to make as careful study and review as I could of what they had done there as far as this kind of proposal is concerned. They say that they have it on this basis.

They have put their information onto a telecommunication basis as far as the various parts of the country are concerned but it still falls short of this. There is a very high price tag on it. We are talking about, if you go all the way, if you computerized and put it on an