

building a stronger case as we go along that this program, the Economic Opportunity Act, should be kept as is.

I thank you again for your appearance. If it is necessary to call you back, I know you will be ready.

Secretary WIRTZ. I could improve on what you said to this extent. You have been more than gracious in your comments on the Department's administration of this program. You will know that there are at this table, in this room, back at the office, people who have done a good deal more on it than I have. If it is all right with you, I would like to add my expression of appreciation to yours.

Chairman PERKINS. I want to add my expression of appreciation to all the members around the table. I know the great work and great contributions they have made. I would commend Jack Howard for an outstanding job of administration. We all know that the Director has zeroed in on certain target areas in this country and is doing a great job.

I would like to see us go further with this program and not tear it down.

Secretary WIRTZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

(Whereupon, at 4:50 p.m. the committee recessed to reconvene at 9:45 a.m., Friday, June 23, 1967.)