

Mr. QUIE. So that by June 30, 1970, title V will be completely phased out and there is no necessity to extend it?

Mr. CARTER. That is the present judgment. That is the best I can say.

Mr. QUIE. Then you would no longer need OEO to look over your shoulder as you have evidently needed it today?

Mr. CARTER. I would certainly hope that the Office of Economic Opportunity would continue to exercise the same kind of interest in the title V or community work and training program that it does in the delegated programs.

The Office of Economic Opportunity attempts to look at the whole range of poverty and not simply the programs that happen to be in its administration. As they are able to build them successfully into administration by other ongoing programs, this does not in any way detract from the importance that OEO has and the responsibility to report to the President, the Congress, and also to use its various authorities under the act to make sure that the funds that are being spent for poverty are—

Mr. QUIE. The \$70 million, OEO does have some leverage or muscle because it delegates the money to you.

Mr. CARTER. Right.

Mr. QUIE. If you don't operate the way it sees fit, you don't get the money. Isn't it that simple, in title V?

Mr. CARTER. I think that is stating it rather broad, but there is no question that the money flows through OEO and they do have budgetary control.

Mr. QUIE. The \$40 million in section 409, the OEO has no jurisdiction, and if there is disagreement in the way the money is spent, it will have no voice?

Mr. CARTER. I would not say it has no voice. I have tried to indicate that OEO has a role that goes beyond the program.

Mr. QUIE. If you agree with the role?

Mr. CARTER. Well, it has a role within the administration. We are all responsible to the President of the United States, as far as the administration of the executive branch.

Mr. QUIE. That is kind of far-fetched, though. In every program run by HEW, the President has the responsibility. But what other programs in HEW does OEO actually exercise the same kind of responsibility and jurisdiction that it does through its delegated programs?

Mr. CARTER. I am not suggesting it is the same kind. I am trying to make clear it is a different relationship. OEO has the responsibility to look at the whole range of poverty in the United States and what is being done through existing Federal programs, as well as other programs, to bring about the elimination of that poverty. That is the kind of role that we need for an agency in the administration to play.

Mr. QUIE. How did you play that role in other activities in title V?

Mr. CARTER. I would say, for example, that one of the things I will be coming to testify about in the field of neighborhood health centers, here is an effort to—

Mr. QUIE. Neighborhood health centers are Community Action programs run by OEO.

Mr. CARTER. I am attempting to answer your question.