

Mr. CARTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You indicate also in your statement that you favor their administration. As I read your full statement, we find constant evidence of the strong interrelationship that exists between HEW and OEO now. Has this worked smoothly in your relationships with OEO? Have you been able to administer your joint programs effectively and well without friction?

Mr. CARTER. I would say we have developed very excellent working relationships with OEO.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You indicate, for example, that in child-parent centers, in Followthrough as you pick up what happened in Headstart and go beyond that, that there is more of what OEO has been doing shifting over to HEW. There are programs that you are picking up that either OEO has administered before or hasn't done before, and you are going to pick them up.

Do you anticipate any difficulty in continued strong, close association between HEW and OEO in these areas?

Mr. CARTER. No. I want to make clear that we have no problem. We are working these things through OEO. We are trying to affect institutions simply, not what we are doing here in Washington. We are also trying to effect institutional changes in the community.

I am not saying, by any means, that there are not problems that have to be worked through.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You are going to be primarily responsible for Followthrough?

Mr. CARTER. True.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Initially, I gather from your statement, OEO and HEW will check out the project. Then, as soon as it gets past the initial stage, HEW will be responsible for it. Is that correct?

Mr. CARTER. Primarily.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Would you feel that you could go further in this direction and, in the years that lie ahead, take over greater portions of what is involved either in Followthrough or in Headstart?

Mr. CARTER. I have to answer that by saying that as far as the future is concerned, we have to see what kind of progress we make in bringing about significant changes in the major institutions that have to adapt, such as the health institutions and the like.

What I am trying to say is that the thrust of our statement is that, right now and for the foreseeable future, we see a very desirable role for OEO to play of good in stimulating and innovating, and so forth.

As we find areas, we work together and find areas where that kind of adaptation has gone on in the principal organization or institution at the community level that can take over in responsibility.

There has been consideration of giving more and more responsibility in that area to our administration and to the institutions which we support.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Carter. I don't anticipate for 10 seconds that you would sit there and, in view of the administration position, say to us that you think OEO ought to be abolished or a great many more projects ought to be shifted to HEW.

I recognize your position. I don't accuse you of, in any wise, not stating that which you believe. But on the other hand, I do not expect you to say anything else along this particular line.