

agency existed, in some case, even was the forerunner of the community action agency. This has the effect of reaching children faster than if we had done it through the traditional method of going through the local school board, and brought in other groups than public schools to a great extent.

In fact, I understand that less than half—what is it, 35 percent—of the Headstart now is administered through public schools, for instance, and other groups, private groups.

I would like to find out how this is going to be done with the Follow-through program.

Mr. CARTER. I am going to let Mr. Estes speak to that in a moment.

The point I was trying to make: I want to reiterate it, because I think it is important, and I am just hoping we can set some boundaries to the inquiry today, since on Monday we are hearing this very person who will be responsible to the Congress for the administration of the program, since the delegation has not yet been signed, and since Dr. Estes is going to come back here on Monday to jointly appear with Office of Economic Opportunity representatives to describe to the Congress how the program will be operated.

So even though there may be only a few words in the act as to the Followthrough, there will be a complete and ample record, which will provide a legislative history with respect to how this program should be operated.

While, in the broad outline, there wouldn't seem any possible objection to Dr. Estes giving his understandings as to how the program is going to operate, I would really hope that you could forebear from pursuing this in detail this afternoon. That is the only issue that I am raising with you.

Mr. QUIE. We will forebear pursuing it, unless necessity entails.

Mr. ESTES. I would be hesitant to talk at length on the memorandum and the delegation of authority, inasmuch as they are still undergoing revision at this time.

Mr. QUIE. Between now and Monday?

Mr. ESTES. Yes. In fact, there are sessions going on this afternoon. We hope by Monday we will be prepared to talk about some of the details that you discussed.

Mr. QUIE. And OEO has already made its presentation in the Senate.

Is that not correct?

Mr. ESTES. I am going to appear with them in the Senate.

Mr. QUIE. Then they ask questions in the Senate prior to their actually getting on that subject.

Mr. ESTES. I will say that our working relationship with OEO has been most cooperative and effective so far as we are concerned, and we look forward to working with them.

But Mr. Carter, I believe at this particular time it would be most inappropriate to talk about some of the details in this memorandum of understanding without the Office of Economic Opportunity being here to join with us in this discussion.

Mr. QUIE. I know the Russians don't like to be around talking without somebody else next to them, but I think in this country you ought to be able to give your expression without OEO judging everything you say.