

Mr. CARTER. It isn't a question of OEO judging. Obviously, when the guidelines, the policies, for the program are finally determined, and all the necessary signatories to the delegation have affixed their signatures, this is a matter absolutely available to all concerned, unless there is some decision about doing it at all, before this committee is finished its work on this legislation. That is just my judgment. I shouldn't say "certainly." My judgment is that.

Mr. QUIE. Are you going to sign by Monday?

Mr. CARTER. The point I am going to make is that on Monday it seemed appropriate to have the agency that is proposing to delegate—we have no authority with respect to this. This is an act. It is OEO's bill, to be considered by the Congress. The Congress is given authority to OEO to do something. OEO should explain how it is going to spend the money.

We have been in negotiation with them about part of this that they want to administer. But this is their legislation that is involved here, and it seems appropriate for them to testify as to what they plan to do, and then Mr. Estes will be here to respond as to how he sees that, in view of his responsibilities in running the major part of the Office of Education.

Mr. QUIE. Did you come up here this morning intending not to answer any questions about Headstart and Followthrough, or is this something that happened over the noon hour?

Mr. CARTER. I think that what we are attempting to respond to is any issues or relationships, and so forth. But as far as the questions and the detail, I am only trying to put forward what I consider to be, respectfully, a sensible way of proceeding, in view of the situation as it developed in the testimony.

Mr. QUIE. I yield.

Mr. GOODELL. Is there a bill to provide for Followthrough to implement the recommendation.

Mr. CARTER. I think Mr. Quie pointed to some words that occur in the discussion of Headstart in the act, in the legislation, in referring to Followthrough activity.

Mr. GOODELL. There was a separate message, as I understand or recollect, from the President, that there was going to be—what is it—\$150 million allocated for Followthrough?

Mr. CARTER. \$120 million.

Mr. GOODELL. I am interested in knowing whether this is coming up as separate legislation and you expect this to be authorized as part of the poverty program?

Mr. CARTER. My understanding is that the authority for carrying this on rests within the authority which the Office of Economic Opportunity has with respect to Headstart.

Mr. GOODELL. In other words, you expect this is going to be a delegation to the Office of Education from OEO?

Mr. CARTER. Yes. That is our expectation.

Mr. QUIE. Let me ask a few questions, anyway, so that we might get some understanding before Monday. I am getting more and more curious, you know, about this program. I have been wondering since it was first discussed. I thought then it was a great idea and still think it is.

Mr. CARTER. So do we.