

Mr. QUIE. He just refused to answer. He hadn't signed the deal yet.

Mr. SUGARMAN. I think we are in complete agreement, Mr. Quie.

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Estes can answer the question now?

Mr. ESTES. Believe it or not, we have been in several sessions over the weekend and are, I think, in appropriate posture to answer any questions that you might want to pose.

Mr. QUIE. Very good.

Chairman PERKINS. I don't think the gentleman from Minnesota wants to let there be any insinuation in the record that there was any disagreement, because that was not the case.

Mr. QUIE. It is pretty hard to have disagreement when they won't answer questions.

Chairman PERKINS. He just told you he would answer your questions specifically.

Mr. QUIE. He didn't answer the questions.

Chairman PERKINS. That an agreement had not been signed. That was the only question.

Mr. QUIE. Now with the recent agreement, whether it has been signed or not, perhaps we can find out how the Followthrough will operate.

How will the U.S. Office of Education make the money available in the States?

Mr. ESTES. We will make the money available for the most part to local educational agencies.

Mr. QUIE. Is this defined as public educational agencies?

Mr. ESTES. No. This is a local educational agency similar to the method in which we handle funds under title I. However, when we provide funds to a local educational agency—

Mr. QUIE. I wonder if you would define local education agencies for me so we know what we are talking about here.

Mr. ESTES. This is usually an elected board of education responsible under State statute for administering the public schools in a local school district or county or subdivision of the State as established by the State legislature.

Mr. QUIE. Very good. And you say most of the money will be allocated to such a local educational agency?

Mr. ESTES. We anticipate that a large amount of the funds will be allocated in this manner. The local educational agency will be responsible for planning, for administering, for the supervision of the program. However, there will be cases where, for one reason or another, a local educational agency is unable to provide these services. In these instances the Office of Education will contract with a Community Action agency or a Headstart agency to provide these services, the followthrough services, to Headstart children.

Mr. QUIE. Would this be in the form of a bypass?

Mr. ESTES. I don't understand the term "bypass."

Mr. QUIE. Well, the bypass which I referred to is if the local agency was prohibited by statute or by constitution from performing services for certain individuals because they were connected with a private or parochial school.

Mr. ESTES. We would operate this similar to the way we handle title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as provided by the Congress. Where we find a State that is unable, for one reason or another, to administer title II funds, then there are provisions for the Commissioner to make these funds available so that title II services