

Mr. QUIE. Suppose a local Baptist church, which has no parochial school, is running a Headstart program. This would not be a parochial school.

Mr. SUGARMAN. This would be a private church group, church affiliated group, which is the term we use technically.

Mr. QUIE. Let's go to Followthrough. The primary group we will fund the program with here is the public school rather than the Community Action agency, making it different than Headstart.

Mr. SUGARMAN. That is correct, except that the Community Action agency is very much a part of the process. The grant technically will flow to the local education agency.

Mr. QUIE. By being part of the process as long as there is a community action agency serving that area, they would have to be consulted?

Mr. SUGARMAN. That's right, yes.

Mr. QUIE. Now, I understand from Dr. Estes that there would be a bypass, however, in the event the public school is prohibited by law, like in Nebraska or Oklahoma, where they have the greatest difficulty with the private/parochial school, but in the bypass the Office of Education can make the textbooks and library resources available but the title must remain in some public agency.

What about the private and parochial schools when you aren't dealing with terms but programs and services here? Would the grant money be made directly to the private or parochial school?

Mr. ESTES. Not at all. The grant would be made to the Community Action agency or the Headstart agency and they would be responsible for adhering and supervising the program.

Mr. QUIE. What if there is no Headstart or Community Action agency through which you could do it?

Mr. SUGARMAN. There may be a few instances across the Nation where this would exist. We would anticipate that we would consult with the director of OEO and that perhaps we could establish a Headstart-type agency that could administer these grants.

Since this is a Followthrough—

Mr. QUIE. Let me finish this out, Mr. Chairman.

Since in Headstart it is possible and OEO is making a grant to a private church-related school—isn't this right, Dr. Sugarman?

Mr. SUGARMAN. That headstart is making such grants.

Mr. QUIE. Yes.

Mr. SUGARMAN. Yes; in the preschool area.

Mr. QUIE. Should not the Office of Education do likewise?

Mr. ESTES. It has been our posture to make grants only, especially in the Office of Education, to local educational agencies and in the case where a local school agency is not able or willing to provide these services or provide participation then we would make them to the not-for-profit private agency, the Community Action group or the Headstart.

Mr. QUIE. In no instance would you make the money available to the church-related school, when you get right down to it?

Mr. ESTES. I wouldn't say that at this point. I foresee no instance where we would be required to do this.

Mr. QUIE. Would there be any way where that could be done by