

Mr. SHRIVER. Not at all. Whatever money we get we will spend responsibly. There is no irresponsible activity in this agency, nor will there be, no matter what Congress appropriates.

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Wirtz has said that you cannot spend in the war on poverty any more than \$2.06 billion responsibly.

Mr. SHRIVER. When did he say that?

Mr. GOODELL. Page 833 of the record on Friday, when he testified. I quoted this to him and he affirmed the statement and said at that point he would make it clear that he made the statement in December and he was referring to \$1½ billion and today he is referring to \$2.06 billion which is a budgeted amount. That is in 833 and 834, and thereafter the question was pursued. I would like to know if Mr. Shriver agrees with this.

Mr. SHRIVER. I have already said that I think that is correct that we can spend that amount of money.

Mr. GOODELL. You are saying you can spend responsibly \$2.06 billion. The question is, can you spend more than \$2.06 billion in the war on poverty?

Mr. SHRIVER. That would depend on what Congress wants to have done. I am not going to answer questions in a vacuum.

Mr. GOODELL. This is hypothetical. We have a great routine here.

Mr. SHRIVER. We have great routines in the other direction about the fact that "what we have already spent has not been spent properly."

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Scheuer has indicated that it would take \$2.06 billion to fund Headstart, and we have the same amount in as last year. The question is direct and simple. Can you spend more than \$2.06 billion in the war on poverty in 1968? Mr. Wirtz says no, but you don't want to give an answer.

Mr. SHRIVER. I want to give you the answer I have been giving you, which is the accurate answer. You say, could you spend more? Whether one could spend more depends on personnel ceilings, a whole host of matters such as programs it would be appropriated for, et cetera, so that it is impossible to answer such a question "yes" or "no." What I have said over and over again is that we are here testifying for the particular budget which we can expend responsibly, that we have not irresponsibly spent anything, and that we would be delighted if you would join those who are in favor of that budget rather than, for example, cutting that budget.

Mr. GOODELL. You know that our Opportunity Crusade involves an increase in the amount of money for Headstart. This is very correct. There may well be proposals in this committee to add to the \$352 million. We would like your guidance. Can you spend more than that on Headstart responsibly in the fiscal year 1968?

Mr. SHRIVER. We would have to make a study of that with respect to Headstart. What I am trying to say is that when people want to increase one, they also at the same time want to decrease others, and what we are arguing for is a balanced program for \$2.06 billion. We can't seem to get that simple point through. What I want to know is, will Congress support that?

Mr. GOODELL. You want to change the discussion and not answer the question. So you are going to leave everything else at the same level. Do you want an increase and can you responsibly spend more