

Indian people to improve their capabilities, both as individuals and as groups. The resources of the Office of Economic Opportunity are badly needed for adult education, preschool and remedial education, for job training, work experience programs, senior citizen projects and many other programs that the Indian people have identified and requested.

We support the continuation and strengthening of the Office of Economic Opportunity. We are anxious to continue to work closely with the Office of Economic Opportunity, as we do with other Federal agencies, to provide maximum benefits from these combined resources.

There is a continuing need for the broad innovation made possible through antipoverty programs. I would stress this as one of its most important aspects. Innovative manpower, housing, health, education, and other programs can be accomplished through the responsible agencies with coordination by the Office of Economic Opportunity. This approach takes advantage of the best available experience and knowledge.

The second area I would like to comment on in detail is the Job Corps conservation program.

This is another program that should be continued under OEO in order that it remains the vital and healthy program that it has been to date.

This program helps underprivileged youngsters to become better citizens and improve their employability. It defies comparison with other methods that most of us have had experience with—colleges, high schools, public and private schools. Job Corps enrollees are constantly being exposed to dedicated and successful men and women who share with them those traits, characteristics, and attitudes necessary to get and hold a job. It is made clear to them that it is not enough to be a good mechanic, a good typist, or a good carpenter. They are helped to understand that they need to communicate effectively with prospective employers and coworkers, able to read manuals and instructions and able to put in a day's work and get in the habit of doing a job well—particularly in knowing that they are improving themselves and doing work that will strengthen, beautify, and improve the Nation. The testimony of the Office of Economic Opportunity has covered this comprehensively and has provided you with extensive materials and statistics that answer many of the questions that have been directed at this program in the past.

My purpose, therefore, is to highlight for you that portion of the Job Corps program that I am most familiar with and have administrative responsibility for . . . the Conservation Center program, as distinct from the Urban and Women's Training Centers.

Because OEO has been successful with the Job Corps program, the goals of the Economic Opportunity Act have been met. As with many other OEO programs, the Job Corps combines many resources toward making better lives for young people. In conservation centers, the resources of the OEO, the Department, the private sector and particularly the communities where the camps are located, are brought to bear upon the task of improving the lives of the Corpsmen on a day-to-day basis. In these centers, the primary purpose of the Job Corps is being met when youngsters are extended opportunities to strengthen the country by becoming better and more productive citizens.