

tion to the local school. They also had special transportation for them so they could attend some special classes and athletic events as well.

Now for 2 years, the Bureau of Indian Affairs funded this transportation project, but last August the Bureau of Indian Affairs informed them that they were no longer going to do it. They said:

While we heartily endorse this transportation project which was instituted prior to the passage of recent federal school legislation, it does not appear possible that the Bureau will be able to participate beyond the current school year because projects of this type are eligible for funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or as a component of the Community Action Program.

Well, they have a pretty good Community Action Agency in the three-county area where this Indian reservation is located, but Mr. Meade now tells me via a letter he wrote June 30, that they received no written word from OEO until June 19 on the application made last August, August of 1966, right after they found out the funding wouldn't be done by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

They were always under the impression that assurances of funding had been given to them orally, but then later, orally, the Chicago office claims that the project never would be funded. The reason for this was that the Office of Economic Opportunity said they aren't going to fund it, because school activities, including transportation, are eligible for funding under the Elementary and Secondary Act, or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. So, they aren't going to do it.

I understand since then, when the project was requested under 89-10, the Elementary and Secondary School Act, transportation was being provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and therefore, they did not make a request under 89-10. It seemed like there should be one source under OEO, and they again have been negligent in processing these kinds of projects.

Now it seems to me there ought to have been some responsibility on the part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in seeing to it that the program would continue. Now the local school has carried it along themselves with their other programs, but there is no money in their budget to fund it. They tried to get some money from OEO for the past year, but they say the maintenance of effort required now indicates that the local school carry it on, as it had before.

This situation doesn't seem to be a very good working relationship between OEO and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Secretary UDALL. Congressman, Commissioner Bennett may want to comment on this specifically. I am not aware of this particular situation. But I would say from other things that have come to my attention that this is not an extraordinary or an uncommon situation. Where you have new programs—of course, 89-10 is a new program, and I am delighted that this committee and the Congress chose to include the Indian students under the program, and where OEO has money for special educational projects, too—you sometimes do get a buckpassing game going, or saying, "Who should do it" And it takes time to get things sorted out.

If the program is truly worthwhile, I find usually a solution is worked out, and it may be that this is one where somebody failed to do their job, and as a result, a good program was not continued, but the