

In some instances, it does, and they are treated as a community action organization. In other instances, not. But when OEO does not, a local agency is formed. After all, there are many large Indian tribes that encompass many communities. It is not always a coherent, small group of people, and this enables people to organize and to get things going in a particular community that maybe the tribal council can't finance, maybe there hasn't been sufficient initiative taken at tribal council level, and this really is thinking out a new element of leadership among the Indian people, and I think this is a good thing, so that I don't see for a moment that it has always worked harmoniously, or that there have not been difficulties such as you describe, because we are going through the process of developing new centers of leadership among the Indians, as it were, of initiating new action programs, and I think in this initial period, it was inevitable that there would be some friction and some sort of pulling and hauling when it came to getting the new programs going.

So I wouldn't deny that there haven't been areas where maybe someone has dropped the ball, or where the coordination hasn't been too good, but I think that is much outweighed by the good things that have been launched.

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Secretary, would you provide for the record the relationship now? I know there have been problems with the White Earth Indian Reservation in the past, but I would like to know how it stands right now between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the OEO and the tribal council?

Secretary UDALL. Yes. You mean in this particular instance?

Mr. QUIE. Yes, in that particular instance.

Secretary UDALL. I would be glad to.

Mr. QUIE. And, Mr. Chairman, I would ask unanimous consent that the letter from Mr. Meade which I quoted from and the letter from the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the letter from the Department of Interior, be made a part of the record.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection, so ordered, and the response of the Interior Department will likewise be inserted in the record at the same point.

(The information referred to follows:)

RED WING PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
Red Wing, Minn., June 30, 1967.

Hon. ALBERT QUIE,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

(Attention of Mrs. Maloney).

DEAR MR. QUIE: I am enclosing a copy of the application to O.E.O. that we made last August for funding for our Indian Activities bus, and also a copy of the only written notification that we have received regarding the disposal of our application.

This project was originally requested to continue an Indian Activities bus to Prairie Island after school so that our Indian students could take part in school activities. We know from past experience that this bus has been a prime factor in keeping these youngsters in school. This bus was financed for two years by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and we were told in July of 1966, that they would no longer be able to finance this bus because a good portion of their budget had been assigned to the poverty program. A letter of verification from the Bureau of Indian Affairs is included in Section 2 of the application to O.E.O.

This application was received in the Chicago office of O.E.O. on August 17, 1966. Before the end of August, we had received verbal assurances from both the local Community Action office and from the area supervisor that the project