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As was stated at the meeting of the Community Action Program Directors in Minneapolis on May 4, 1967, these programs are not fundable by the Office of Economic Opportunity. Project Friendship was in operation between January and June of 1966 and therefore does not meet the maintenance of effort requirement of the Economic Opportunity Act which states that expenditures from non-Federal sources shall be at least at the same level as were made prior to the application for Federal funds; Federal assistance is intended to supplement, not to replace local efforts against poverty. School Activities Transportation is eligible for funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Public Law 89-10) by the Board of Directors, Red Wing Public Schools, Red Wing, Minnesota, or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of The Interior, Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

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Unit Supervisor,
Minnesota, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND THE WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has no formal role in the operation of Community Action Programs. At the White Earth Reservation, community action programs are proposed and sponsored by the tribal business committee. A personnel board, appointed by the business committee, has authority for all personnel actions in connection with community action program employment. Program funding and direction are handled directly between OEO and these tribal groups.

The Bureau cooperates with the business committee in the operation of Economic Opportunity Act programs, providing assistance and the use of facilities as requested and available.

We believe the White Earth Community Action Program is a good one and that the relationships between Bureau personnel, the tribal business committee and the local CAP Director are excellent. We are aware of no significant problems in the program.

Chairman PERKINS. Mrs. Green.

Mrs. GREEN. First of all, Mr. Secretary, may I say that since you were a former member of this committee, it is always a pleasure to see you back in the room, and to have a chance to talk with you about matters of mutual interest and concern.

Have you had a chance to personally look at the surveys that were made by the Harris group in regard to the Job Corps in conservation camps?

Secretary UDALL. No, I have not.

Mrs. GREEN. Is there someone in your Department who has been charged with this responsibility, and is there a memorandum by the Interior Department which would answer or at least respond to some of the charges that have been made in the Harris study in regard to the cost, the effectiveness of the training, and the placement of the graduates or the dropouts after they have completed their Job Corps work?

Secretary UDALL. Well, Mr. Old Coyote, who is with me, is my top person, and I am sure he is familiar with it, and I am familiar with the tenor of the report. I haven't gone into it in detail, and I am sure that we do have a response of our own, and that we can provide you with it, if you would like to see it.

Mrs. GREEN. Yes, may I have that? I am not going to ask that it be made a part of the record at this time, but if I might have any comments that you would have.