

Mr. Chairman, among the exhibits which Mr. Whitaker is submitting to accompany his testimony are letters of recommendation from several Job Corpsmen as well as letters from prominent people in all walks of both public and private life.

Chairman PERKINS. I am delighted he is submitting those exhibits, and without objection all of those exhibits will be inserted in the record.

Mr. HORTON. I am most pleased that among these letters is one from another good friend, Dr. Louis K. Eilers, president of Eastman Kodak Co.

Dr. Eilers said in his letter to Mr. Whitaker: "I have been more than impressed with the progress you have made in 1 short year, educating and finding gainful employment for people who might find it very difficult to obtain work."

Mr. Chairman, I certainly join in commending Mr. Whitaker and Graflex for a job that is being well done.

And I might add here, parenthetically, it has been my pleasure also to visit the Huntington Job Corps center, which is operated by another constituent of mine, Xerox, and I certainly want to indicate from my personal experience with these two corporations, and particularly my personal relationship with Mr. Whitaker and my personal visits to these two Job Corps centers, as well as my conversations with those who are working in these two Job Corps centers and based on my conversations with those who were taking these courses, that I am very much impressed with this program.

I hope that this committee will give every consideration to its continuation. I think it is a very important step forward in the right direction to take these dropouts and give them confidence and hope that will permit them to go back into their home communities or elsewhere to make themselves productive citizens.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me state before you go any further that I wholeheartedly agree with your viewpoint. We are dealing here with a type of youngster that has never received the appropriate consideration that he should have received in my judgment in the past.

We are dealing here with a group of youngsters who need to obtain the best possible help our present day know-how can provide, and I feel that we are in the process of developing better ways of dealing with these youngsters in order that they may make their contribution to society.

You and I both know up until this time that with all these dropouts from our educational institutions throughout America that there has been something lacking and from this know-how that we will gain from efficient operation of the Job Corps, which in my judgment is taking place at the present time, especially through people like Graflex, that we are going to obtain information that is most valuable that can be fed back to the vocational schools, the elementary and secondary schools and to our colleges.

A lot of people say, well, you can put him in a regular training program, but regular training programs have already rejected or refused him or he has completely rejected them.

I am deeply impressed and appreciative, and I am completely sold on the great gains that have been made by the Job Corps in the past year. The experience gained is such that I think we can all be proud.