

Mr. WHITAKER. For the most part minor, but they have had records.

Chairman PERKINS. But we are dealing here with the problem child. That is the point. This is the child who requires most careful and prudent consideration and training that he has never received up until this time; is that correct?

Mr. WHITAKER. Absolutely, sir.

Chairman PERKINS. From your experience, do you feel that we would be doing this country a great disservice if we cut back this Job Corps training funds at this time?

Mr. WHITAKER. I feel, sir, that we would be doing ourselves a great disservice. Unwittingly, we would be sowing the seeds of destruction that we see in these riots around us.

This is a real investment in the future taxpayers of America.

Chairman PERKINS. Some of the people who criticize this program—

Mr. GIBBONS. May I interrupt there, Mr. Chairman?

I think coming from a man such as this that that is a very important statement. I wish more people understood really the full meaning of what you are talking about. It seems to me we are flirting with the destruction of this program.

I say flirting—I don't think we are going to destroy it.

We are really reaping almost the same kind of harvest we did yesterday when 73 percent were killed on an airplane. The day before that we cut 5 percent out of the safety budget of the Federal Aviation Agency on a little binge that we occasionally go on from time to time.

I hope more people with background and responsibility such as you have will speak up because Congress needs to hear those words. We have a serious problem and I think what you are doing at Graflex, and what Congressman Frank Horton did regionally are the things we need to do more of. We need less of the scare articles like we have seen in the Reader's Digest.

Chairman PERKINS. You can tell this Congress and truthfully tell this Congress you are not in the job for a pocketbook venture for your own pecuniary interests because your profits are marginal and would be much greater if you were investing your funds in some other facet but that you feel as a corporation you need to obtain information as to how we can better train this problem youngster and feed that information back to schools, vocational educational institutions and to industry.

Is that what you feel and is that the case?

Mr. WHITAKER. You have stated it better than I could have. Let me put it in these words: Our Associate Director is a former high school principal. He expects to get back to become a high school principal again but this is the most learning experience he could ever have and this will spread this gospel across the board on a greater basis than we could see in this room.

Chairman PERKINS. All this polyglot about the cost exceeding \$10,000 per enrollee is nothing but propaganda for the gullible so far as I am concerned because they go back to the first year of operation and they do not consider what you are doing and have been doing in the past several months.

How did you manage to bring this cost down to an average of \$5,900 per enrollee throughout the country on a 12-month basis?