

Chairman PERKINS. The quality of the work. Are the conservation people all satisfied with it?

Dr. SMITH. I think that you can, without exception, receive testimony from the Park Service and Forest Service rangers, and the BLM managers that the quality of work is excellent. I was with a group working on watershed management, which was fairly technical, and I said, "You mean to tell me you are going to let these boys go out by themselves and do that?" The ranger said "Yes."

Usually five or six of these units per day is considered average but the boys consistently put in eight a day, with excellent quality of work. We haven't had any serious complaints on the caliber of the work these boys are doing.

Chairman PERKINS. If you can obtain any further data bearing on the enrollees not being selected or coming into the Job Corps from schools, other than the two instances that you personally checked out, if you could make a further study, and give me that study, and I will give a copy of your study to the minority before we insert it in the record, and if there is no objection, you can come up with some further statistics along that line, we will appreciate it.

I am of the same opinion that you are, that the insinuations and the statements that were made about these youngsters, enrollees coming into the Job Corps cannot be supported by the actual fact. In fact I think that we have tightly written into the law prohibitions against this sort of thing.

Dr. SMITH. That is right.

Chairman PERKINS. And if it is not in the law now, we can certainly put it in the law. At least, I would be willing to support it, but I think it is there. I am not certain.

Dr. SMITH. Mr. Chairman, this is one of the things that I don't feel we are communicating properly. We don't have the devices, the procedures to do it as it should be done.

Chairman PERKINS. My point is that we can't let the Job Corps—I have never known of an instance in my experience, and I think I have tried to be as close to it as anybody, where the Job Corps was the incentive to pull a youngster out of high school.

Dr. SMITH. Absolutely not.

Chairman PERKINS. I have never seen that, and I just don't think that the record will disclose any instances of it.

Dr. SMITH. One of the best ways to show the people responsible is to have them in camp and watch the new enrollees come in.

Chairman PERKINS. But the type of youngster that is enrolled, that is an enrollee, that has never been successful in elementary and secondary schools?

Dr. SMITH. I don't think people realize, but we have children in the Job Corps that have never been inside a school.

Chairman PERKINS. Is it a problem child that the schools just do not have the answers for, or have not been successful with, but it is a different type of youngster from the one who ordinarily goes to school and is successful?

Dr. SMITH. This is true.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Dr. Smith, I was interested in the comments you made on the Harris polls, which were introduced in the record some time ago by Mr. Shriver.

Dr. SMITH. Yes, I know.