

Dr. SMITH. I have some. I don't know whether I can. I will try very hard to see if we can relate these, and make them available, and in a sense where they are meaningful.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I think we are very much interested in what the facts really are. I gather that really what you say is that you think most of the Harris poll results are inclined to be accurate, or you would be inclined to accept them as accurate. On this particular one, you question its accuracy.

Dr. SMITH. Yes, sir.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I therefore suppose you would question the accuracy of all the answers they gave in that particular interview, whatever they were looking for in that, so we move on to the other type of questions that they asked, relative to when there were dropouts, and at what stage, and how many, and what they did. If you have some other statistics of your own that you would set up against what Harris has done, I would be very interested in seeing them.

Dr. SMITH. Well, of course, the difficulty we have, as I say, their survey was made on the complete operation, and ours is here and there. But—

Mr. DELLENBACK. Are you suggesting that theirs is inclined to be more accurate, then?

Dr. SMITH. No. I am simply saying that this sample is considerably larger in terms of the population than what we would have an opportunity to do, so it isn't a question of whether ours could possibly be more accurate in terms of the whole. The conservation centers are only a part of the Job Corps. I would simply say that they are not comparable. All I am saying is that some of the material we have are so far at variance with what some of the other observations, that this causes us to be greatly suspicious. Not suspicious in any unsavory sense, but suspicious as to accuracy.

Mr. DELLENBACK. One or the other of them is certainly wrong.

Dr. SMITH. Yes, that is right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. But you don't have any other figures of your own?

Dr. SMITH. Pardon?

Mr. DELLENBACK. You don't have any figures of your own?

Dr. SMITH. I do have some figures that I would have to look at in this sense, and reexamine to see whether they would be usable for any helpful observations.

Congressman, I think the thing that disturbs me more than anything else is the utilization of the statistics. In reality, we are trying to quantify some of the things that just aren't quantifiable.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I recognize that these are difficulties always, but if you do have figures that are at variance with the Harris polls as to results, I would be very interested because you are aware that so far as the history of the Job Corps across the board is concerned, there are statistics which have been made available to us which indicate that across the board a third of the enrollees drop out within the first 3 months, a third drop out within the second 3 months, and only the remaining third have been there beyond the first 6 months. Now if you have something that contradicts this, I would be very interested in getting it.