

Sister BAPTISTA. What are we going to do? Our children have learned to write letters to their Congressman, believe me. They know where Washington is. One of the youngsters came in with a little letter from some Congressman. You know children, there is no gray, just black and white. He came in, "I have a letter from the Government, you are going to get your money. It is all settled."

"Who wrote the letter?"

"His name was written so badly I could not tell but the Secretary typed it underneath."

Mr. GOODELL. Thank you, Sister. I hope that was not my signature.

Sister BAPTISTA. I am sure it wasn't.

Mr. GOODELL. Thank you very, very much. I don't know what we are going to do next year.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you, Sister. We appreciate your testimony. Mr. Bell, do you have any questions?

Mr. BELL. No questions, but it is a pleasure to welcome you here. I am sorry I was not able to hear your complete testimony.

Sister BAPTISTA. Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Holmes, If you will take a chair and bring anybody up to the table that you would like to have with you to testify.

Mr. Holmes, will you identify yourself and introduce the other members of the panel and move right ahead with your testimony.

STATEMENT OF K. DAVID HOLMES, PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT POVERTY COUNCIL, WATERBURY, CONN.; ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM HARRIS, WATERBURY, CONN.; SAMUEL RUSSELL, HARTFORD, CONN.; AND MRS. JACKIE SHAFFER, HARTFORD, CONN.

Mr. HOLMES. I am David Holmes from Waterbury, Conn. On my right is Anthony Carter from Waterbury, Mr. William Harris from Waterbury, Conn. They represent various councils which are inactive of the target area.

Chairman PERKINS. They are on the community action board?

Mr. HOLMES. Yes, councils of neighborhood organizations.

On my left, Samuel Russell from Hartford, Conn., also from the target areas of Hartford, Conn.

Chairman PERKINS. Would you like to introduce the young lady, too?

Mr. HOLMES. In the rear is Mrs. Jackie Shaffer, also from Hartford, Conn., also from one of the target areas in Hartford.

My name is K. David Holmes and I live at 17 Newall Place, Waterbury, Conn.

I am the elected president of Action Council, one of five neighborhood organizations representing sections of Waterbury designated as poverty areas. I also represent my neighborhood on the board of directors of the local antipoverty agency, New Opportunities for Waterbury, Inc.

Last year the neighborhood councils of Waterbury joined with similar neighborhood groups in other Connecticut cities to form the Connecticut Poverty Council.

It is this group I speak for today; an organization of the once invisible poor of one of the most affluent States of this most affluent country.