

it to comparable tasks this is not a very expensive figure. If you are to send a youngster to a good residential school, and I remember this kind of debate a couple of years ago, or send them to a fine university, those figures are very high too when we analyze them. They don't come down to any low numbers.

I am not a financial man so that I have these things at my fingertips, but I know that as a parent it will cost me say about \$3,000 to keep a youngster in college. It costs the college much more than that \$3,000.

Chairman PERKINS. Assuming that when the Job Corps was first activated that the average cost was \$10,000 and today the average cost is down to \$5,900, do you feel that—

Dean PERLMUTTER. What was the first figure, sir?

Chairman PERKINS. \$10,000 and per enrollee today the average cost is down to \$5,900. Let's just assume for a moment that we authorized the Federal Government to construct some residential centers in the country, a certain number of them eight or 10 to start out with, maybe more, and turned them over to the State vocational agencies in the various States to operate.

Dean PERLMUTTER. On a residential basis.

Chairman PERKINS. On a residential basis, yes, and the Federal Government paying all the cost. Could you visualize the cost of those residential centers being any less than the cost of the present Job Corps?

Dean PERLMUTTER. I visualize it being much higher, a lot higher.

Chairman PERKINS. I would like you to tell us why.

Dean PERLMUTTER. This is a very uneconomical solution apart from the—

Chairman PERKINS. Go into this phase of it. That is what the Opportunity Crusade provides, to phase it out presently, to turn the Job Corps overnight to the Office of Education to operate and within 3 years phase it out in favor of residential centers.

How long would it take us to construct these residential centers and what is the cost? Give us your observation on that.

Dean PERLMUTTER. I am a very conservative person as an educator and I don't like to encourage the Federal Government to get into this kind of operation. I am kind of amazed at the whole concept. I can see the Federal Government providing some support as indeed it is doing in a variety of ways, but I don't want to encourage the Federal Government to go into this kind of an operation.

I think one of the saving things about the present operation is that we clearly see it as a transitory device. We have used rather crude facilities. Camp Kilmer is no elegant place, or take the converted hotels and so on. It has been done quickly without great emphasis on building and furthermore this kind of building operation would be a great tax on the building that we already need to do in higher education and can't keep up with.

Dr. GEORGE. Let me get back to the population. Who are you going to put in these places? You mean people from the States? If it is going to be run by the States you think they are going to let my people go to Alabama.

Chairman PERKINS. On your line of thought that I was going to try to develop it in an orderly manner and I will let you comment on