

vehicle for the administration of Headstart, the nursery school program and the day care center.

Mr. HAWKINS. And you think that flexibility should be imposed upon the rest of the country?

Dr. DOUGLASS. I think they should have that opportunity offered to them.

Mr. HAWKINS. Of having it placed where they want it to be operated?

Dr. DOUGLASS. No, sir; have it placed in the public school system or not having any.

Mr. HAWKINS. Then you are not suggesting any flexibility.

Dr. DOUGLASS. No, not flexibility.

Mr. HAWKINS. You have made the statement that the community action agency in Orange County has been used as a political machine for delivering the Negro vote. Would you explain what you mean by that and also what substantiating evidence you have that that is true?

Dr. DOUGLASS. The substantiating evidence is the machine did not deliver the vote.

Mr. HAWKINS. You have made the statement that it is used to deliver the vote, not to deliver the vote. Not in the negative.

Chairman PERKINS. As I understand it, you stated that the substantiating evidence was to the effect and the fact that the machine did not deliver the vote?

Dr. DOUGLASS. That's right, but that was its purpose.

Mr. HAWKINS. I am asking you how do you substantiate that that was the purpose of it?

Dr. DOUGLASS. All I can say, by careful study of the record and knowledge of the local political situation.

Mr. HAWKINS. It is purely personal then?

Dr. DOUGLASS. In our records here at least there are a dozen letters which have been written to Sargent Shriver that repeat the thing. It is general common knowledge.

Mr. HAWKINS. Did you submit those for the record?

Dr. DOUGLASS. I have.

Chairman PERKINS. Your statement there is solely based on these letters; is that correct?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes.

Mr. HAWKINS. You have also indicated that you believe that the board of directors operating the agency in Orange County should be broadened. At the present time does it include any representation, let us say, from minority groups?

Dr. DOUGLASS. According to our new bylaws we have a certain number of Negroes.

Mr. HAWKINS. What about the old bylaws?

Dr. DOUGLASS. It was not in there, but we had this as a matter of course.

Mr. HAWKINS. When were the new bylaws adopted?

Dr. DOUGLASS. At the January meeting of this year.

Mr. HAWKINS. Do you have any representation from minority groups now?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes, sir.

Mr. HAWKINS. How many?