

to so ably represent the Citizens' Crusade Against Poverty. You are their executive director, are you not?

Mr. BOONE. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. From your experience, let me put this question to you: Do you feel it would be a real great mistake at this time to transfer Headstart to the Office of Education? If that is not in your statement, I am just asking from your experience. I know you know something about Headstart and the value of it.

Mr. BOONE. If I may, I would like to respond to you, as I think you have suggested that I might, as an individual.

First of all, I am against any kind of spinoff of programs, that is to say, the outright transfer of any program from the Office of Economic Opportunity to any Federal agency I think is destructive to an effective, coordinated war against poverty.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me state that I think more of your own personal views in this matter than your views of the organization. I think you have had considerable experience in this area and know something about the whole poverty program. From your personal viewpoint you are against the spinoff of the Job Corps.

Mr. BOONE. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. And against the spinoff of any of the programs?

Mr. BOONE. The spinoff of any of the programs, yes, sir, that is correct.

Chairman PERKINS. Again I ask you for your own personal views. I take it that you believe that we should keep the Office of Economic Opportunity as presently constituted, and give us your reasons.

Mr. BOONE. First of all, I think in being in the Executive Office of the President, structurally it has the opportunity to perform as an important coordinating link and have the major coordinating function in the war against poverty.

I feel that that Office should have a planning program development, program operations, program delegations, program monitoring, program evaluation function.

Chairman PERKINS. I personally feel that Sargent Shriver is one of the good administrators we have in the country and from my conversations, of course, you cannot start out to evaluate a program from nothing, but he is making every effort to evaluate the on-going programs.

Mr. BOONE. I believe Mr. Shriver is setting into motion the kind of evaluation machinery that could become the model for other Federal agencies in human service programs.

I think that every effort should be made on the part of all us in and outside the Government, in and outside the Congress to support that effort. I say that, Mr. Chairman, because I—

Chairman PERKINS. I agree with you, the governmental agencies and the Congress likewise should support this and see that it is adequately funded.

Mr. BOONE. I agree and I say this for a specific reason. It is one thing to develop good evaluation machinery. Very few Federal agencies have done this. I think the Office of Economic Opportunity holds out the possibility of developing good machinery if there is enough money to do it and if the will is there, and I think Mr. Shriver has the will. The real question is whether a variety of special interest groups will