

Mr. ASHBROOK. Isn't this so often the case, we take credit for things—I say “we” in the sense of the agency and the Director—we take credit up to a point, but from then on we don't want credit anymore?

But there is one thing Mr. Shriver has taken credit for, that I would like to discuss. I started to refer to an article of the June 21 Evening Star, which mentions that OEO funds have been used for people arrested in riots in cities, including Cincinnati. Can you tell us about that?

Mr. HANSAN. Yes, the Legal Aid Society has been in existence about 50 years in Cincinnati. That is the delegate agency to receive legal service funds from us. When the riots occurred and there were many, many arrests, the Legal Aid lawyers provided for them, plus the public defender who receives part of his salary from community action funds, went and worked to prepare these people for hearing. I have testimony of this, and I also have a commendation to the director of the legal process, Judge Heitzler, which I received from Judge Heitzler, which I can enter in the proceedings.

Chairman PERKINS. That will be fine.

(The letter referred to follows:)

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
CINCINNATI MUNICIPAL COURT,
Cincinnati, Ohio, June 26, 1967.

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DEAR SIR: I would like to express my appreciation for the past prompt and efficient action of your organization, in furnishing attorneys to represent all defendants brought into Criminal Court during the recent riots. I would especially like to thank Messrs. George Darden and Robert Gorman, who worked day and night to assure each defendant a fair trial and protected all their legal rights.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE S. HEITZLER, *Presiding Judge.*

Mr. ASHBROOK. It is interesting to hear both sides of this. As a director of the community action program in Cincinnati you would certainly be able to state whether or not any of your employees of your poverty agency have been involved in riots or arrested for involvement in riots.

Mr. HANSAN. Two persons that I know of were arrested. To my knowledge neither has been brought to trial so I could not say—

Mr. ASHBROOK. They are obviously still working for your agency so you feel you could not prejudge?

Mr. HANSAN. That is correct. Both were arrested during the performance of required duties on their part, Mr. George Dardin and the other Mr. Layton Johnson, assistant director of the Cincinnati Federation settlement, who was trying to calm down some of the teenagers in Cincinnati. He has just been accepted in the doctoral program at the University of Cincinnati. He is leaving the agency in order to get a doctoral program.

Mr. ASHBROOK. What about community workers, not employees? Would you know whether anybody from the West End Council or other poverty program affiliates have been involved in the riots?

Mr. HANSAN. No; as I say, my own personal investigation only turned up these two. The OEO I know has had somebody down there.