

Mr. THOMPSON. No, I don't think so. It is my understanding that the gentleman and our colleague, Representative Clancy, are asking that this committee look into the matter. I think it should in one way or another. I think that our staff will no doubt report back and make suggestions upon which the committee can act. I do ask this, though. I think it is important that these statements be put in the record in full.

Mr. HELD. I will be happy to do that.

Mr. THOMPSON. Let the gentleman summarize rather than read all of them.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Ashbrook.

Mr. ASHBROOK. I would object to that. It seems like very good testimony. I assume we want to hear about the other poverty.

Mr. THOMPSON. Do I understand the gentleman is objecting to my unanimous consent request that the letter just read and that any other letter or clippings that the witness has be put into the record?

Mr. ASHBROOK. No.

What I was objecting to is the gentleman articulating that the witness somewhat cut down on what he is saying.

Mr. THOMPSON. I am not asking that. The gentleman who read the letter did say, I am paraphrasing what he said, "I shall read parts of it." I would think it would be to the advantage of the writer, the addressee, and the witness that the whole letter be made a part of the record. I withdraw my unanimous consent request. You make it.

Mrs. GREEN. Mr. Chairman.

I would like to ask the witness to proceed as he started out.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mr. HELD. Mr. Chairman, dated Friday, July 14, 1967, it is an editorial:

Despite the anguished cries of "preposterous!" and "Smoke screen!" that have arisen from some quarters over the forthcoming congressional investigation of the manner in which the antipoverty program—

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Chairman, I object to the reading of this editorial. I do not know whether the witness is reading it in full, whether he is reading parts of it, or what. I want him to have the opportunity to be heard. Even though I don't agree with the philosophy in some of this, I am not objecting in any way to his opportunity to be heard. I simply want to insure, as I am certain that he and Mr. Clancy want, that the whole story be made a part of the record. Then he can do whatever he wants with it, but I want to insure that the committee has the opportunity to see the entire letter, the entire editorial and any other materials that the gentleman has.

Mr. ASHBROOK. I will ask unanimous consent that all of the documents, editorial, letters, et cetera, referred to by the witness from Cincinnati be included in toto in the record and that he then synthesize, as the chairman suggested.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection it is so ordered.

Go ahead and identify now what you are reading.

Mr. HELD. I am not going to read the editorial. The only reason I wanted to read it was to point out that we didn't come up here like darned fools just to ask for this without reason. I am trying to point out why, what brought all this on, our request. So I won't read that. I will just submit it for the record. It is not that important.