

is not done on a bipartisan basis a Republican task force will be sent to Cincinnati to investigate.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me reply by saying that I will work 100 percent with the leadership on your side of the committee.

Mr. ASHBROOK. Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. And when they say we need a staff investigation in Cincinnati we will go there.

Mr. ASHBROOK. Let me make it clear we did not say staff. We said Members of Congress on both sides.

Chairman PERKINS. If information discloses that we need an investigation by congressional committee we will certainly abide with the resolution that was adopted by this committee 100 percent.

Go ahead, Mr. O'Hara.

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Held a question: How long have you been a member of the City Council of Cincinnati?

Mr. HELD. Five years, sir.

Mr. O'HARA. Then you have been a member of the city council since before there was a poverty program, right?

Mr. HELD. Yes, sir.

Mr. O'HARA. In your statement on page 2 referring to how program funds are being spent in Cincinnati, you said, "We local officials are helpless. We have no way of getting this information."

Do you really mean that?

Mr. HELD. I could answer that. Mr. Clancy made a request. Do you want to go into that, Don?

# STATEMENT OF HON. DONALD CLANCY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. CLANCY. I would be very happy to.

Mr. HELD. I will tell you what we ran into, but he can tell you better, sir.

Mr. CLANCY. As to obtaining information, Mr. Chairman, do I have the opportunity to speak?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLANCY. I may say to you, Mr. O'Hara, that for several years now I have attempted to secure information pertaining to the poverty program in the Cincinnati area. I have written to what I thought would be to the proper authorities, none other than the Director, Mr. Shriver.

I have contacted Mr. Hansan in Cincinnati by letter, have asked for information from him. I may say that one time I asked just what you are asking right here, as Mrs. Green was interested in, that you are interested in how much of the money that is going into the Cincinnati area is being paid out in salaries.

Now, it would seem to me that that question could be answered by an administrator of the status and stature of Mr. Hansan within a matter of 4 or 5 hours. If my memory serves me correctly, it took me 6 weeks to get that information from him.

I may say that I wasn't entirely satisfied after I got it.

Now, we can constantly write to these gentlemen. We can make phone calls. We can do everything. And just this week I did that