

how difficult it is to secure information and correct information, and that is all we want, sir, the facts. That is what we are here for.

There is no point in my taking up more of your time. If you have made a decision not to make an investigation in Cincinnati, that is well within your prerogative but I am going to say to you, Mrs. Green, that one of the matters in which you have been so interested and I have admired you for, you have known, not only in your own community but throughout the Nation, there has been a great need for secretarial service and you know that this need is becoming increasingly more and more each year. While we are not talking about OEO we are now going to talk about something which this committee has jurisdiction over, and that is the Manpower Retraining Act.

I can only say to you that I have attempted to secure information on this program that was initiated in Cincinnati several years ago through the public school authority. If my memory serves me correctly, and I don't have the facts in front of me but they took into that program, Mrs. Green, 200 young ladies to teach them to be secretaries. It was a rather extensive training program and it lasted for, I believe, some 32 weeks and I stand to be corrected on the length of the program.

But I have been unable to find out from any source the exact number of those trained in that program that are now actively and gainfully employed in my community as secretaries.

I tell you that in Cincinnati there is a great demand for secretarial services at this particular time. There are jobs that are going unfilled and I can't tell you, Mr. Chairman, and I doubt if any one of these gentlemen can tell me on that one because it is not their official function but it is a function of this committee to supervise some of these programs pertaining to manpower retraining.

I would like for you to find out for me, Mr. Chairman, how many of these young ladies that were trained in that program are now gainfully employed as secretaries because this program was at the time it was instituted several years ago. It was one of the first in Cincinnati. It is referred to in Mr. Evans' letter that I am going to submit for the record.

I only ask you again, Mr. Held wrote me a letter asking me to request this investigation, call it a review, or a field hearing. Maybe it could be of great assistance to this committee if a committee were sent to Cincinnati and review this program there. Maybe all of us could assist them in some way as far as recruiting. If they talked about over 751 people and only 26 come back after graduating are employed, I think that I may be able to help a little bit, maybe not much but a little in recruitment.

I may be able to give a little assistance. I would be happy to if I could, Mr. Held would like to, the city council would, so I think our objectives may be the same but nevertheless we would like for you to do this.

I think it would be of great benefit and our taxpayers, all they say is they are entitled—I will just conclude and answer any question I can.

We all send questionnaires to our constituents. I sent a questionnaire this year and the question I asked about with respect to the war on