

Mr. CLANCY. We will be willing to answer any questions you have of us but we do intend to catch a plane shortly.

Chairman PERKINS. I want to assure you we intend to cooperate and we will attempt to get you all of the information you seek.

As far as I am concerned, if you want to get up with one of these poor witnesses, I will pay the expense of one and you pay the expenses of another and you pay the other.

Mr. ASHBROOK. All we want is your usual fair consideration.

Chairman PERKINS. We will give you the usual fair consideration.

Mr. CLANCY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity and courtesy of appearing before your committee.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection and with the unanimous consent of the committee, we will place in the record at this point various pieces of correspondence on this subject.

(The documents follow:)

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 1, 1967.

Representative CARL PERKINS,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

We urgently request your committee to act favorable on the administration's economic opportunity legislation. We particularly urge continuation of the community action programs believing that maintenance and expansion of youth employment programs are crucial in these days of crises. This is no time for Congress to practice political or economic retaliation against the large proportion of innocent Negroes in order to punish the limited number who have caused and participated in city riots.

Mrs. JAMES M. DOLBEY,
President, Church Women,
United National Council of Churches.

CITY OF CLEVELAND,
July 25, 1967.

Hon. CARL D. PERKINS,
Chairman, Committee on Education and Labor,
Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PERKINS: In view of the grave concern expressed by many Congressmen for the Office of Economic Opportunity, I would like to take this opportunity to relate to you the urgent need I feel for the continued existence of that agency, and the many significant programs it has fostered in our community. OEO has sponsored programs in the Greater Cleveland area that are responsible for bringing to bear unique, innovative efforts upon the debilitating conditions of poverty. The prospect of the termination or dismemberment of these programs is, at best, alarming: it threatens the whole effort at dealing with pressing urban needs.

Cleveland has already felt the effects of substantial reductions in funds available for OEO programs. In the early months of this year, the Community Action Program in Cleveland was forced to terminate several programs and such services as Adult Education (educational opportunities for low-income adults) and the Police Athletic League (preventing/combating juvenile delinquency) had to be transferred to other auspices, which resulted in a severe curtailment of service. This turn-of-events resulted in loss of income to some, a more cynical attitude by many toward promises made and hopes raised, and, in numerous cases, personal and family tragedies of major proportions.

I am particularly concerned with the continued vitality of the versatile Community Action Programs. It is through funding for versatile programs that Congress has shown its faith in the local communities and persons involved in the poverty situation to marshal their unique forces in a way to have a maxi-