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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE,  
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HON. CARL D. PERKINS,  
Chairman, House Education and Labor Committee, House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reading the transcript of the June 21 hearings on the Economic Opportunity Act Amendments, we noticed that some concern was expressed about the relationship between Upward Bound and Talent Search. Since we are responsible for the administration of the Talent Search program, we thought that our view of the differences between them would be helpful to you.

The differences are these:

#### 1. MISSION

*Upward Bound's mission* is to *prepare* under-achievers for college. As OEO's statements put it, "students selected for Upward Bound shall be those who have potential for success in college or other post-secondary education, but whose present level of achievement and/or motivation would seem to preclude their acceptance in a college, university, or other post-secondary institution." So far as we understand the program, this is an accurate description.

On the other hand, Talent Search's mission is not a preparatory program but, as stated in the Higher Education Act of 1965, one of *identification and encouragement* of "qualified youth" to complete secondary school and undertake post-secondary education, and encouragement of secondary school or college dropouts to reenter educational programs. While there is some small overlap with the Upward Bound target youth, "qualified youth" under Talent Search are limited to those with good high school records, good enough to qualify them for college entrance. Upward Bound serves the harder core youth with a poor high school record, who require major remedial programs.

Upward Bound serves "poor youth with *undemonstrated* aptitude" who might, if given intensive academic remediation and enrichment, be prepared for post-secondary education. Essentially this means that Upward Bound works primarily with under-motivated youth. Talent Search, on the other hand, generally serves poor youth "with *demonstrated* aptitude" providing college admission and financial aids counseling for such youth.

#### 2. PROGRAM

Upward Bound provides to poverty youngsters, at no cost to them, the full range of academic pre-college courses in residential summer schools and by tutoring and special classes during the school year. Medical and dental care is provided as well as a weekly stipend of up to \$10 per week per student while on campus.

Talent Search, on the other hand, counsels qualified youth about college careers and publicizes college admissions and financial aids data. Any remedial or compensatory work would be incidental. Subsistence, medical and dental care, and stipends are not provided.

#### 3. FINANCIAL STATUS

Upward Bound is currently serving 22,000 poor youth in 250 projects at a Federal cost of approximately \$1,250 per student. The faculty/student ratio is 1:7.

Talent Search currently serves 250,000 to 500,000 students in 57 projects at a Federal cost of \$5 to \$10 dollars per student. The counselor/student ratio is 1 to 1100—1 to 2200.

#### 4. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Upward Bound projects operate in conjunction with Community Action Agencies and the universities and colleges to provide counseling, remedial, and supporting services and to identify youth.

Talent Search, on the other hand, relies mainly on college and high school personnel for its counseling and publicizing projects, and the extent of community involvement varies from project to project.

The programs are presently quite distinct in their specific objectives and operations. Much of what is learned through Upward Bound, however, has been and will continue to be useful to us in the administration of the Talent Search program.