

staff for this new program, and they have demanded 3 days and 2 weeks of in-service training.

Mr. GOODELL. Is there one individual who is in charge of them down there?

What kind of direction do the VISTA workers have in your area?

Mrs. DUNN. Very little direction. Very little.

Mr. GOODELL. To whom are they assigned?

Mrs. DUNN. They have what they call the field man, and he is supposedly over them, and he has some helpers, but we can't get any answers when we ask questions. We get very few answers.

How many do we have? Well, right now, I think about—well, where do they live? I believe there is one over on Long Fork and there might be one down—and this is the kind of answers we get. This is very frustrating. I tried to spend my time very wisely. I am up at 5 a.m. and in bed, if I am lucky, after midnight. We got in here last night on the 4 o'clock flight, and I was up this morning at 7, and I feel that I have got to make the most of my time for my people, and I realize they are just volunteers, but I don't have time to run them down and ask for their help.

Mr. GOODELL. Well, are the volunteers pretty much in the two counties that you describe?

Mrs. DUNN. Yes, pretty much in Breathitt and Wolfe Counties.

Mr. GOODELL. They are both under a single director, the two counties, or are they—

Mrs. DUNN. Mr. Goodell, I would like to answer you but we have never been able to find these things out.

Mr. GOODELL. Have you tried to contact the director himself, the field man, as you describe him, to see if he could work this out?

Mrs. DUNN. I wish I knew how many times so I could give you an exact time, but I just don't have time to run him down and get him away from the pinball machine.

I am being very blunt, but I think it is time somebody was blunt, and I will probably get hung but—

Mr. GOODELL. Well, I think the committee appreciates your frankness, and it is very important that these facts come before the committee, and be aired. There are areas where VISTA workers are doing a good job, where they are supervised and where they have been assigned specific tasks and there are others areas where they are obviously not doing a good job. Certainly the attitude which you have described is an attitude that will predictably produce failure.

Mrs. DUNN. Oh, you know, we do welcome help, and just to give you an instance, we have 100 youngsters in our county now from the youth encampment for citizenship and when they first came the executive director asked that I meet with them and speak to these youngsters, and I feel a real burden for young people.

I think as adults it is our place to guide these young people any chance we get, so I met on a Sunday night with them and talked to them, and they have seven workshops, and three of those workshops fit in with our program.

Community development, recreation and public health, and I worked closely with the leaders of these workshops, and they live with their services of these young people, and they are now out in our communities working with families.