

Mr. BURKHART. Well, we feel that if they felt that it would be better done by the present program that there is nothing contradictory in our stand for—

Chairman PERKINS. You think it would be better under the present program, but my point of view is there are no results established. We have not reached this youngster except on a real limited degree.

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Chairman, I am delighted to have you make that statement in the record. It has taken us a long while to persuade you of that.

Chairman PERKINS. Well, I am talking about what we are now reaching in the Job Corps.

Mr. GOODELL. I thought you said we had reached it under the Job Corps.

Chairman PERKINS. I did not say that. I think my statement speaks for itself on that.

Go ahead.

Mr. BURKHART. I think what we do find in the Job Corps is unfortunately what characterizes many Government programs and that is that we really honestly don't know what they are achieving because, as we pointed out in our testimony in more detailed form, which the study would infer, there has really been almost no systematic comprehensive followup of these Job Corps graduates to find out what is happening to them.

Chairman PERKINS. You have got to perfect terminology to my two good friends over here and charged to them that we can so ably use. Talking about the followup, don't you think that the Job Corps has benefited tremendously from its mistakes if any were made and our new senior cost outbreak is being lowered and training for the Job Corps enrollees tremendously improved since the operation commenced, getting better every year?

Mr. BURKHART. Yes, I think that is a very fair statement. Not bearing on this particular legislation, I think it is a guide.

I want to make a comment. Yes; it seems to me that looking at this from a sort of citizen viewpoint that we seem to have widespread agreement that the Job Corps initially was much less than outstanding, that it had many administrative breakdowns that were very expensive and so forth.

The others think we are sympathetic with the task that was given to Mr. Shriver and the thing I think that is wrong is that so many of these programs we suddenly decide that something has to be done tomorrow and we start off on such a big scale, there is no testing, there is no research and development as we think in those terms.

Chairman PERKINS. I agree with you, mistakes were made when we inaugurated the program. We just threw money at the Director and said, "Here, get these things started," almost overnight and it is doubtful whether you and I would have done as well. In fact, I know that I could not have started to cope with an undertaking of that kind with no experience.

I am impressed by the fact that we are gaining so much know-how and Sargent Shriver as the Director has so ably taken advantage of that. Do you agree with me on that statement?

Mr. BURKHART. I certainly agree that we have learned a great deal from the early mistakes.