

Chairman PERKINS. Don't you agree with me that Sargent Shriver is taking advantage of it and bringing the cost of operation down?

Mr. BURKHART. Yes, I would agree to that.

Chairman PERKINS. And the experimenting and demonstration period that is going on I think you feel should be continued?

Mr. BURKHART. Except that we feel that the program needs to be unified in the sense that I think the OEO in the field of education and things related to it has performed a service in dramatizing and getting publicity.

Chairman PERKINS. It has never been dramatized before. Do you agree with that statement?

Mr. BURKHART. Yes, I agree with that.

Chairman PERKINS. Don't you think that the OEO has just got on its feet and should continue to make further progress without spinning off these various functions?

Mr. BURKHART. No. I think as a practical matter the whole relationship of jobs and education and such that we should as early as possible get it under one agency.

Chairman PERKINS. If I understand you correctly, you are advocating that OEO remain as it is presently constituted without transferring to any other agency?

Mr. BURKHART. We are not proposing transfer of OEO.

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Mr. BURKHART. No; that is right. We are not proposing that OEO be transferred to certain agencies. We do think certain programs within OEO should be transferred. We think that these things that deal with youth and education and vocational training logically belong in the Office of Education, many parallel programs.

Chairman PERKINS. In other words, the innovation that Shriver has made under OEO you feel should continue in the future as presently set up in the law?

Mr. BURKHART. I think that in the community action programs there is a great deal of possibility here that has not yet been realized and undoubtedly innovation will continue to take place.

Chairman PERKINS. And with that innovation and with that potential possible in the future you feel that OEO should remain as at present, if I understand your statement correctly.

Mr. BURKHART. As an independent agency.

Chairman PERKINS. As an independent agency?

Mr. BURKHART. That is correct.

Chairman PERKINS. All right.

Mr. QUIE.

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Burkhardt, in your testimony you say there are two more reports, one on individual family security and one on rural and regional poverty. When do you believe these will be concluded?

Mr. BURKHART. Within the next 12 months.

Mr. QUIE. I think it would be good if the reports that you list in your testimony were made a part of the record, Mr. Chairman.

In your colloquy with the chairman you talked about Mr. Shriver, general of the command post, reducing the cost of the Job Corps program. I might add here that it was on congressional insistence that