In other words, we have never had a policy position established on the whole concept of the OEO or its direction that it should go or things of that kind. We have taken out these specific things, they have grown through committees and have gone through the policy action by the board. So, insofar as the desirability of other OEO programs, we simply have not taken a stand.

Mr. GOODELL. Then if I understand it correctly, you just have no position on this particular point?

Mr. BURKHART. That is correct.

Mr. GOODELL. You have a specific position on transfer of Headstart and Neighborhood Youth Corps and transfer of the Job Corps and with the changes that you have outlined in your statement?

Mr. BURKHART. That is right. The things we have a change in position are outlined under those numbered recommendations, and beyond that we have no position.

Mr. GOODELL. I think a number of us received a letter recently which indicated that the representatives from the variety of the groups mentioned in the letter had unanimously opposed the transfer of OEO. Among the organizations mentioned were representatives in the chamber of commerce. I take it from your answer that this is not an accurate statement.

Mr. BURKHART. No; that was not an accurate statement.

The representative, of course, is not a member of the leadership advisory council, so, in the first place, would not have been qualified to vote. Also, that person was not even present when this vote was taken and I think it was a rather misleading thing to put that down there. I don't know whether it was deliberate or unintentional but in any event I think it has since been made clear by a letter from Mr. Arch Booth who is the staff head of the chamber that we have not in any sense taken a position that might be indicated by this letter.

Mr. GOODELL. Would you just for the record indicate the date and the name?

Mr. BURKHART. Yes. This letter went out under date of June 22, and, as I understand it, perhaps went to most of the Members of Congress. That was sent out by Mr. Ralph Besse, who is the chairman of the Cleveland Electrical Co. It did indicate that the people present had unanimously endorsed the OEO and appended thereto is a long list of people present with their business affiliation, and among those was shown Miss Pat Goldman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

So, there was that implication that the chamber was endorsing this statement since it was presumably unanimous and I am very happy that you have given me the opportunity to clear that up because, certainly, that was not the case.

Mr. GOODELL. Mr. Burkhart, there was some discussion earlier of the Job Corps concept. You indicated that you felt transfer of the job Corps vocational education office to the Office of Education would not necessarily, and should not, prevent the running of this type of an institution by business corporations in the contract. Is that your position?

Mr. BURKHART. Yes. Our position would be that we would imagine that very likely many of the present Job Corps centers as such might well be retained and that it is quite possible that all the present business firms operating might be maintained. I do think that the value of