

Chairman PERKINS. Has it redounded to the benefit down there and has it been wisely utilized and has it demonstrated its benefit throughout southwest Virginia?

Mr. BRAND. Yes, sir, it certainly has.

Mr. QUIE. It is my understanding that you are on the Business Advisory Committee.

Mr. BRAND. I was just appointed a few weeks ago. I was not on it last year.

Mr. QUIE. How long have you been on it?

Mr. BRAND. Two months.

Mr. QUIE. Have you been to any meetings?

Mr. BRAND. I have been to one meeting.

Mr. QUIE. What is your relationship then directly with the CAP program? I imagine that is the only relationship you had with the poverty program prior to being on the Directors Advisory Committee?

Mr. BRAND. Yes, I am president, which is really chairman of the volunteer program of the TAP program. I was asked by Mr. Shriver to serve on the leadership Advisory Council. Why I was elected I do not know.

Mr. QUIE. Which programs have you been involved in in developing your TAP program? I notice you have quite a few of them.

Mr. BRAND. The annual report, a copy of which is attached to my statement, if you would just like to thumb through it, we have an OIC training school. We have Head Start for three years. We have day care schools. We have Neighborhood Youth Corps programs. We have a Neighborhood Development program. We have a Credit Union program. We have a Legal Aid Society. We have a Half-Way House. We have a Home Maker Service, and so on.

Mr. QUIE. Were these directly operated by TAP?

Mr. BRAND. Yes. We don't do anything that we can avoid doing. For example, in Head Start the money comes to TAP but with our central staff we subcontract this to the four respective school systems involved which is one of the big advantages of the Community Action program. As I mentioned in my statement, there is a Bedford County School Board, a Rockbridge, a Botetourt County School Board and the Roanoke and Roanoke Valley School Boards—five school districts involved in our area—but the Head Start program is funded through TAP and we subcontract to the respective school systems which administer and handles its own work.

Mr. QUIE. Are any of the other programs subcontracted?

Mr. BRAND. Yes, sir. The Legal Aid Society is run by the Roanoke City Bar. They have a city corporation with a majority of lawyers on the board of directors and this project is turned over to them.

In our efforts, Mr. QUIE, we do not do anything that any other group is doing and almost every organization in the area is involved in coordinating our Community Action program so that we have avoided duplication and we have tried to concentrate on the things that were not being done before we came into existence.

Mr. QUIE. What programs are you operating directly that you have not done by subcontracting?

Mr. BRAND. The day care program, the Neighborhood Youth Corps programs, but even there we do not set up our own work projects. We will delegate to the town of Salem, for example, a certain number of