

Mr. BRAND. If OEO is going to fund them and since the heart of the program in our area at least is the family, we are trying to break the cycle of poverty with the family. We take a child and put it in Head Start or a child in the day care program which gives us an opportunity to work with the big brothers and sisters or the mother if there is no man or the father if he is not working.

In the Community Action program you want to be able to have a positive program for each member of that family so that you will get that family out of the cycle of poverty and make every adult in that family productive.

So if the community Action program is good and if this is its function, it seems to me that it should report to a coordinating agency in Washington who develops the programs and supervises these programs. It is a normal business chain of command.

Mr. QUIE. Are you saying that work study and adult education and the small business loan program ought to be back in OEO?

Mr. BRAND. I think that with the basic adult education, and this needs to be defined, but once it is defined as I understand it it should now be in the Office of Education. It should be delegated to the school systems. The answer to your question is no, they should not back to OEO at this point. But it was proper that the Community Action program initiate this and get it started and when they can turn loose of it, when it is in the interest of the community to turn it loose then they can do it so they can be involved in something else.

Mr. QUIE. Do you think they are ready to turn loose of Head Start?

Mr. BRAND. No, because this is a different type of program and this is because of the in-home work that the school system is not equipped to do.

Mr. QUIE. Is the school system equipped to handle the basic adult education program?

Mr. BRAND. As I mentioned to Mr. Perkins before he left, until 18 months ago there was no basic education in the Roanoke Valley by the school system. Our local Community Action organization exerted the pressure and we got it started and now we have one and they are running it and this is good. But we also have a basic education program for lower levels as part of the OIC program because they still do not have a little course.

Mr. QUIE. Do you think it was wise for OEO to delegate the follow-through program to the Office of Education?

Mr. BRAND. I am not qualified to comment on that. I really don't know about that.

Mr. QUIE. Do you think that OEO ought to coordinate more than its own program? There is \$30 billion plus or minus expended by the Federal Government to help people get out of poverty outside of EOEO.

Mr. BRAND. I understand. I think they should be involved.

Mr. QUIE. And should be the coordinating agency?

Mr. BRAND. You have to define coordinating again. OEO prepared a book which was the first time that I have seen such a publication, telling the local Community Action organizations every Federal program that was available.

The we sat down with them with our staffs to see what other programs and other agencies of the government would be available to