

president of the Orange County Economic Country Inc., Orlando, Fla.

He sent a telegram in here. He does not have a prepared statement, and I told Mr. Goodell we would not call him until later in the day, but inasmuch as Mr. Harris is not here, I want you to prepare this.

Let me thank you, Dr. Parkinson, for your appearance before this committee. We know the quality of the institution you operate, and we are all proud of it. It speaks well of you.

Dr. PARKINSON. It is a pleasure to appear before you, and I have tried to be as accurate and as far as I can.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Harris, it is a great pleasure for us to welcome you here.

The surveys that you made bearing on the evaluation of the Job Corps placements and other data disclosed by the survey has brought about considerable discussion before this committee ever since we initiated the hearings.

We are delighted to welcome you here, and I regret that I was unable to give you earlier notice than last night at midnight, but we are glad that you are here because much of the data, as I understand, happens to be outdated, in my judgment, because the Job Corps had many shortcomings during the first year of operation, and the Director has taken advantage of the mistakes that were made, and it is a much more efficient operation today than it was a year ago.

We are glad to have you before this committee.

Identify yourself for the record. I understand you have a prepared statement, and you can proceed in any manner you prefer.

STATEMENT OF LOUIS HARRIS, PRESIDENT, LOUIS HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Mr. HARRIS. I am Louis Harris, president of Louis Harris and Associates, Inc., One Rockefeller Plaza, New York, an international research organization with facilities in each State of the Union. We have also done work abroad.

May I read the statement, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes, go ahead and read the statement. Do you have copies of the statement?

Mr. HARRIS. Yes, sir; I believe they are being handed out now, or should be.

My purpose in appearing before this committee today is to discuss some of the findings of the four studies our firm has conducted for the Job Corps over the past 7 months. I believe all four studies have been submitted to this committee. The four surveys are "A Study of Job Corps 'No Shows,'" "A Study of Job Corps Nongraduate Terminations," "A Study of August 1966 Terminations from the Job Corps," and "A Study of November 1966 Terminations from the Job Corps."

Let me emphasize at the outset these facts:

In no way do I come here as an advocate or opponent of the Job Corps. Our task as professionals is to obtain the facts of what happened or did not happen to Job Corps applicants, "no shows," "discharges," those who are asked to leave the center, "dropouts," those who according to the Job Corps and its specifications simply had not completed the work, and the graduates.