

for all Americans—because all Americans stand to gain by it.

Not just with peace in our cities, but also peace in our hearts.

Five years ago a young and valiant President, speaking on the steps of the Capitol of the United States, spoke these words:

To those peoples in the huts and villages of half the globe struggling to break the bonds of mass misery, we pledge our best efforts to help them help themselves, for whatever period is required—not because the communists may be doing it, not because we seek their votes, but because it is right.

What President Kennedy, 5 years ago, pledged to the poor and destitute beyond the shores of America, we must now, both pledge and give to those who live in the ghettos of our cities and the blighted areas of rural America.

We must do it “not because the Communists may be doing it, not because we seek their votes, but because it is right.”

That completes my prepared testimony, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SHRIVER. Mr. Chairman, I have here a telegram I think might be of some interest to the committee. It is from the Detroit, Mich., OEO office.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection, the telegram will be inserted in the record at this point.

(The telegram referred to follows:)

[Telegram]

JULY 31, 1967.

TO: SARGENT SHRIVER.

Last Friday afternoon, July 29, at 5:00 p.m., the VISTA headquarters received a telegram from Governor George Romney approving the assignment of 200 VISTA Volunteers to assist in Detroit's rehabilitation efforts. The Volunteers were requested by the Governor to work with the Mayor's Committee for Human Resources Development in Detroit.

VISTA staff members were on the ground in Detroit in a matter of hours. Because of the necessity for the closest coordination with Cyrus Vance's staff, the Mayor's office and Bill Canon of the Bureau of the Budget, I personally went to Detroit to supervise the operation.

Soon after Governor Romney's request for Volunteers, the first Volunteers were in Detroit. Additional contingents will arrive in the city over the next three days. The schedule of their arrival for emergency duty is as follows:

Friday VISTAs already in Detroit.....	32
Saturday VISTA Volunteers.....	45
Sunday VISTA Volunteers.....	20
Monday VISTA Volunteers.....	55
Tuesday VISTA Volunteers.....	48
Wednesday VISTA Associates.....	15
Volunteer total.....	215

Volunteers are being lodged in the Tuller and Strathmore Hotels near the target areas. They are being moved immediately into special VISTA briefing sessions on the purpose of VISTA's mission in Detroit and on the special discipline and curfews required in light of the disturbances. All Volunteers are also receiving a special three-hour briefing by the Mayor's Committee on the immediate problems and needs in target areas and on services available.

VISTA Volunteers are moving out and going to work. They are helping to reinforce CAP neighborhood staffs in the four Administrative Centers and eighteen Local Subcenters. They are being sent to the city's major emergency receiving hospital, Detroit General, to supplement overtaxed and exhausted