

crowd and yet give the appearance of contributing to the riot. I think my concern in this connection, to follow Mrs. Green's comments, is that we had an allegation, I think a telegram sent to you and a copy to us, from the chief of police in Newark.

You, within a short period of time, as I recall reading in the paper, issued a denial that this was true.

Mr. SHRIVER. That is correct.

Mr. GOODELL. It was my understanding that no investigator of OEO contacted the mayor or the police chief on the basis of their information. The denial was issued from Washington, sort of clipped off fast: "No, it is not true." I presume you contacted some of the poverty people in Newark but until last week there had been no investigators from OEO in Newark looking into the charges made by the mayor and the chief of police.

This raises the whole question of credibility gap in here. You deny it first and investigate afterward. I have no idea if the charges are true or not but this committee would like to rely on your denials when you make them, and know that you have made an investigation.

Mr. SHRIVER. I could not agree with you more but if the facts were as you described them—

Mr. GOODELL. I would like to know what the facts are. As I understood it, the mayor and police chief had not been contacted until last week by any OEO investigators concerning these charges. Your denial certainly preceded that.

Mr. SHRIVER. There were investigators up there when this telegram was sent back in May, I think it was. We investigated it then. We could find nothing to substantiate the charges which were in the telegram.

At that time we asked whether there was any additional information not in the telegram which would help us substantiate either those charges or lead us to other situations that needed action. We didn't get any such suggestions. I found out also that the same telegram that was sent to us was sent to the State of New Jersey to the Governor's office—in the State of New Jersey—that the Governor of New Jersey caused an investigation to be made at the same time, that is, back in May. The investigation was made by the New Jersey State authorities independent of any investigation we made. In fact, I didn't know they were making one until later. The results of the State investigation substantiated the results of our own investigation; namely, that there seemed to be no proof, no indication that the alleged use of a sound truck which is what was involved in that particular case, had anything to do with a riot in Newark.

Subsequently, after the State investigation and our investigation, we have once again sent investigators into the city. I announced last Friday, I guess it was, that in response to the request of Timothy Still, of the community action director, who said they had wanted an investigation made to clear the matter, which was the phrase he had, in response to his request and the request of Congressman Rodino and Minish, and the mayor, we established a community action evaluation team, which we do regularly all over the country; and that team of community action people both from within our own Office and outside our own Office will review the whole situation in Newark all over