

Mr. O'HARA. Yes, I will be happy to yield.

Mr. SHRIVER. Thank you for clarifying me on that.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Shriver, earlier the lady from Oregon raised some questions about the Job Corps and Headstart in particular. Because of the limitation on time I do not think we received a complete answer from you and your colleagues. I was wondering if you would care to elaborate at this time on why the school superintendents are so insistent on transferring this program to the Office of Education.

It seems to me that the program is working very well. I do not know of anything that the country has uniformly agreed on as the success of the Headstart program. It just seems to me that if you start fooling around with this program now that it is working so well would be a great mistake.

Perhaps you can offer some suggestion of why there is this concerted drive to spin it off into the Office of Education.

Mr. SHRIVER. I join with Jule Sugarman who earlier testified that it is sort of a natural thing that many people who are in the business of education professionally conclude that if something has an educational component, an important educational component, that therefore it ought to be in the Office of Education. That goes for anything.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Headstart is really more than just the educational process of the youngsters. Doesn't this involve parents and the community and everybody else as well?

Mr. SHRIVER. That is right, and Mrs. Green and others know there is an interest in some parts for superintendents to do the things we are doing in Headstart. There are many other things where this is not so. You yourself have seen this in a variety of places and so have I.

This is not to condemn anybody but it is a fact that educators, that is the professional public school educators, naturally think that anything to do with education where public money is used ought to be strictly within the jurisdiction of the Office of Education.

Actually that is not altogether true. We don't do things that way. For example, the Defense Department has a large educational program that is not within the Office of Education. The State Department has a large educational program that is not there. The former Commissioner of Education, Frank Keppel, took the position as a matter of philosophy that he rejoiced in the fact that many, many different agencies in the Government were involved in education because he saw this as beneficial.

I think the current commissioner, Harold Lowe, feels the same way but that does not mean everybody in the educational establishment in the United States feel that way. Some people feel when a Headstart program originates in their area that it constitutes some sort of a threat to their monopoly over the total educational process in their community, so they are recently full of that.

They see, or some of them see, Federal money coming in to operate a program which has an educational part over which they don't have control, so they don't like that.

Now, in addition to that, the idea of Headstart as being a community action device is foreign to most Americans. They don't understand what we mean by that.

What we actually mean is that Headstart has proved to be the