

It looks like those are rewards for violence. What is your reaction to those charges?

Mr. SHRIVER. First of all, I maintain we should never reward violence.

Second, in the case of Newark, those grants actually had been made before the 30th of June. We had so many grants in June that although the grants were made we didn't get through the process of drawing up the press release and getting it out. So in fact although it appears at that time the money had been available back into June. The local people knew that.

Mr. QUIE. Was the press release rewritten after the riots began?

Mr. SHRIVER. I am sorry to say it takes us longer when you have a great swarm of these things come through at one time we just don't have the public affairs people, since we are accused of having so many public affairs people, to grind out all of the press releases we have to grind out.

In fact, grants are issued but we don't get the publicity out about it until later.

The second thing you have to understand is that every agency has a program year. We tried to stagger them throughout the year but there will be some, for example, expiring today, on the 31st.

Some cities have program years that expire today. So we will be announcing in some cases new grants in the first week of August for those agencies.

Now, it will be just our tough luck maybe to come out with a big new program, for example, and maybe the day after some ruckus and occurs and they will say we did it on account of that. We did it because the program year happened to occur at that time and we will do it in September and October and November.

We at OEO have never taken any step or made any grant in response to violence.

With respect to Washington here, where the pools are located is a decision again of the UPO, the local community action. If they did allocate them the way you describe I would agree it looks as though there was a mistake.

They probably put them there because they didn't have enough money to put them in all of the places, so it put them in the places where there seems to be the most difficulty, which is regrettable. I am not defending it. Don't misunderstand me but I am not trying to condemn them for doing the best they could with what they had.

Mr. QUIE. If you were on the verge of making an announcement and violence occurred, would you wait or would you go ahead if you planned it the day before even though you had a chance of holding it up?

Wasn't that about the case in Newark, and also the first time in Watts?

Mr. SHRIVER. I suppose if I had it all in front of me at one moment I would try to think about what you are talking about. The truth is these grants are made out in the regions, as you know.

Most of those decisions such as the one you are talking about are not even made in Washington. So it would not actually come to me in the normal course of events today. It would be decided in San Fran-