"2. The Office of Education is so burdened down with massive new mandates that whatever their motives and their intentions—and they are high indeed—USOE just cannot give the direct personal support to the program that Shriver can and does. You know how important that is. It made all the difference in the world to me in my job of getting the program started and rolling. But it makes even more difference as a program "settles in" and begins to run risks of inflexibility and single-mindedness. Upward Bound, in OEO, still has lots of elbow room and can respond to the vast variety of educational conditions among the states where the kids are. That is crucial. Shriver has obtained a first-rate successor to me as director, Dr. Tom Billings of Western Washington State College at Bellingham. Billings was director of Western's UB program since its inception in 1965. He is excellent. He knows OEO well and he has continued to develop a smooth coordination with USOE's related programs of financial aid to poverty college applicants.

"In short, Senator, Upward Bound seems to be successful both as a program and in OEO. . . I know the administrative location of programs is not usually a hot issue and it's hard to get a lot of people excited about it. But, in my opinion, it is a matter of real importance to the 25,000 Upward Bound youngsters who are, after all, the sole object of the program. OEO has developed a warm and effective response to those kids. I do hope it will be permitted to continue its Upward Bound program."

Professor Richard Frost is one of the best informed men in our nation with respect to the performance and capabilities of the Upward Bound program. May I respectfully urge that the members of the House Education and Labor Committee give serious consideration to Doctor Frost's perceptive comments.

If the record is still open, I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter in the record of the hearings.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

WAYNE MORSE.

BUILDING SERVICE EMPLOYEES' INTERNATIONAL UNION,
Washington, D.C., July 28, 1967.

Hon. CARL D. PERKINS,
Chairman, Committee on Education and Labor, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PERKINS: This is in reference to H.R. 8311, the proposed Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967.

We would like, first of all, to associate ourselves with the statement of the AFL–CIO presented to your committee on July 26, 1967.

BSEIU—AFL–CIO, representing 350,000 members, wishes to go on record lending its support to the continuance of the Office of Economic Opportunity as the central agency for anti-poverty programs in the federal government. We stand opposed to any moves which would dismantle this agency and thereby reduce its effectiveness as the official voice of the poor in this country.

We urge the 90th Congress to provide the funds necessary to allow the continuation and expansion of those programs directed toward the eradication of urban and rural poverty.

Since we will not be presenting oral testimony before your committee, I respectfully request that this letter be made a part of the official hearings on this bill.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID SULLIVAN,
General President.

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

We appreciate the opportunity to present Farm Bureau's views relative to the various programs generally referred to as the "War on Poverty."

Farm Bureau is a general farm organization of 1,703,908 families, members of over 2,770 County Farm Bureaus in 49 states and Puerto Rico. These 2,770 counties include nearly all the rural counties in the United States.

Our statement will be devoted primarily to the rural aspects of the problem.