Dr. GROSS. That is right.

Mr. ESCH. Speaking for the group you represent, do you anticipate a need for more direct Federal-State institution and direct Federal institution aid and financial support in the next decade as a means for the way we must go?

Dr. GROSS. I think this is essential.

Mr. ESCH. Within this prediction, to what degree should we have local opportunity for value judgment and action, categorical versus noncategorical funding on the Federal level? Do you anticipate the need for us to move to noncategorical grants as quickly as possible?

Dr. GROSS. Yes; the Secretary testified we have to be realistic; we will never get rid of all categorical appropriations. New things come along like that all the time but I would be in favor of reducing the categorical restrictions, making a move in the direction of general support.

Mr. ESCH. I think the one dimension we have not discussed is the State aid and lack of predictability of aid to State institutions.

To what degree is it a problem, matching program and predictability of receiving State aid?

Dr. GROSS. If you are talking of the State plan, most States are developing master plans; most States are moving toward the direction of giving us planning funds so we can start planning the building and so on.

In New Jersey we are required each year to present a 6-year building program. I think there is a much more stable degree of State appropriations than Federal because of the shift of emphasis in the Federal Government here.

I know reasonably well what we can look forward to from the State of New Jersey.

Mr. ESCH. Would not a longer range approach on the Federal level, to make it more compatible with the State planning program, be more desirable?

Dr. GROSS. I think so. I was pleased this year that we got more funds from the State for higher eduction. This would give us much more assurance.

Mr. ESCH. You suggest the need for opportunity to utilize the participation as a means of filling the gap between what is needed and what might be available. Is this to assume that your position is for a long-range continuing need to utilize this method of financing or do you look to more conventional ones?

Dr. GROSS. We would like to see how this works, and we can always study and see what is the best way of going about it. It does seem to be a good solution and we will see in the next 2 or 3 years whether it is.

Mr. ESCH. You are not suggesting financing all programs in this way?

Dr. GROSS. Certainly not.

Mr. HATHAWAY. I would like to ask you if the greater involvement of the Federal and State Governments has decreased the contributions of private sources?

Dr. GROSS. No; I think it has increased them. Rutgers was first private, then operating in contract with the State, and finally we went whole hog, and people opposed to the movement pointed out other contributions would fall off. On the contrary, they have increased drastically.