Each year thereafter, both the coverage and promptness in the publication of the statistics improved notably and under your direction, and it was very helpful to have these data available by January each year, for use in our own internal budget studies and presentations.

It is not that they are not able, because they were once.

Miss Kretter. This is part of the problem of reorganization I would expect, and we hope they will be resolved. We are disturbed not only about the delay of statistics but the fact there is no librarian in the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Mr. Quie. I think they will be able to assume this responsibility

again.

Miss Kretter. We hope they will be able to.

Mr. Quie. I commend your organization for developing statistics and information, but it also does bother me that the U.S. Office of Education contracts with organizations to represent people who receive funds individually through their institution and not the organization itself.

Miss Kretter. This particular project was just in order to get some needed statistics out. We would hope this would not be continuing, because we feel this is a responsibility of the Office of Education.

They have better facilities to gather statistics on a national basis. Mr. Quie. I would think of any responsibility they have this one should come first.

That is all.

Mrs. Green. Congressman Burton.

Mr. Burton. No questions.

Mrs. Green. Congressman Gibbons.

Mr. Gibbon. No questions.

Mrs. Green. Thank you very much.

Now we will proceed with the lady from the University of Florida, Mrs. Srygley.

Mr. Quie. May I request that these letters from Mr. Stanford be

made a part of the record?

Mrs. Green. Without objection, they will be included.

(The documents referred to follow:)

University of Minnesota, Office of the Director, Minneapolis, Minn., April 12, 1967.

Representative Albert Quie, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Quie: Since the enclosed matter (the Office of Education's fiasco in its new system for collecting college and university library statistics) is directly relevant to the hearings on U.S.O.E. you conducted in Minneapolis a few months ago, I am submitting copies of the correspondence for your attention.

I hope you will wish to take it up with the Commissioner and perhaps with your committee at an appropriate time.

I am sending copies also to Don Fraser, since he represents the University district, to Senator Mondale, and to Commissioner Howe, for information and any response they may be moved to make.

Very sincerely yours,

E. B. STANFORD, Director of Libraries.