

just the surveys that you already have contracts for with the Department of Labor.

Do you think it is wise for organizations such as yours who have through the years spoken with an extremely independent voice about programs of the Federal Government to be dependent on them for a portion of your activity. This could become the case if you did qualify under those three sections?

Dr. TORRENCE. Not speaking for the association, but as an individual, I would think there would be no more danger than there would be for a university.

I see no inherent danger in the idea of having some sort of contractual arrangement for a program specifically designed which fits in with our overall purposes as an association.

Mr. QUIE. Have you had any of the experience I have had where people from universities talked to me privately about their relationship and their real feelings about the activity of the Federal Government but are fearful to say it on the record before the committee because of substantial contracts they have?

Universities must be involved in these programs but are we going to come to the day when independent organizations of people who are related to the universities—I say there are a number of associations who have appeared before us—will have to talk to us privately?

Dr. TORRENCE. I don't see it that way. This is an association of some 170,000 women. It is just not a headquarters operation in Washington which is going to make certain statements and is going to feel reluctant to criticize if it is dependent for funds in some way.

It reflects the views of the association and, as such, I think you would find it a little difficult to see any condition under which all of these people, all of these women, would feel they could not speak out.

Mrs. GREEN. Will you yield?

Mr. QUIE. Yes.

Mrs. GREEN. What would be your response to a bipartisan set up? I can think of one Republican and one Democrat who, in recent months, said we ought to reconsider the grants being given to this particular university because they have people on the faculty who protest our foreign policy. You do not see any inherent danger in this? What would be your reaction if the AAUW women took a position and this was the congressional reaction?

Dr. TORRENCE. I think it could work both ways. The association might not be speaking out and some people might go to the association and say you had better be a little less quiet.

Mrs. GREEN. In response to Congressman Quie's question, isn't there a danger that the association might be a little afraid to speak out?

Dr. TORRENCE. I can answer only that I hope the leadership in higher education is such that it can stand on its own two feet.

Mr. GIBBONS. May I interrupt?

Mr. QUIE. Yes.

Mr. GIBBONS. I think, as a practical matter, I remember my own experience in universities and private schools depending on private donations, and you start treading on the toes of those private donors and I know they go to the universities and say, "Shut up or