

Mr. BURTON. I note that you have 49 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico in your continuing education program organization; what is the State that is missing?

Mr. PITCHELL. Vermont, but they just indicated they are going to apply.

Mr. BURTON. I note the Virgin Islands is not included. What is the status of the Virgin Islands? Is your organization in contact with them?

Mr. PITCHELL. Yes, I had a nice chat with President Wanlass down there about a year ago and told him we would be very much interested in having his college a member of the Association. It is a voluntary association. We never pressure anybody. People simply feel there is a need for association with other institutions having programs of this type. It is the only vehicle we now have for professional training inside the higher education institutions, the divisions of continuing extension education.

Mr. BURTON. They are not on your institution lists?

Mr. PITCHELL. No.

Mr. BURTON. Were they informed as to this program the Commissioner of Education asked you to disseminate through your communications setup?

Mr. PITCHELL. In 1966 that was not possible. In 1967 they were. All of the institutions of higher education in this country were notified by the Commissioner of Education as to the availability of this program.

Mr. BURTON. You wouldn't know of your own knowledge whether or not they participated to any extent in this program, or would you?

Mr. PITCHELL. Let us see. I didn't come to testify on that but I am pretty sure they sent at least two people in adult basic education. I am not referring to the college down there, but the Virgin Islands sent two people up to the State University of New York in Buffalo for training. That is my impression.

Mr. GIBBONS. It is my impression they have very little adult illiteracy. They have a good school system and maybe they didn't need it.

Dr. GOERKE. We ought to find out what they are doing. It must be right.

Mrs. GREEN. Let me recap the time you had to conduct the program. The Office of Education came to you in May?

Mr. PITCHELL. Actually just the first time was in April. The Office of Education asked if we would be interested in talking with them about doing this program. I had to talk with our people, our board of directors and the executive committee so that after the first contact in April, I went back early in May and said our people would be interested in continuing discussions with them about it.

Mrs. GREEN. And the institute was during what month?

Mr. PITCHELL. They all began about the 1st of August. Only one began, I think, the 8th of August. They were over in August.

Mr. GREEN. So in May sometime you were contacted. When did you sign the agreement for doing this?

Mr. PITCHELL. We had a preliminary training grant. It was early