

are structurally unemployed, what part of that polo or somewhere between $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 million persons do you think we ought to engage?

Secretary WIRTZ. I don't believe it is that large. I suggest merely—thinking in terms of a million who are clearly identifiable and who warrant this kind of intensive approach—we are out in a point where your monthly unemployment figure is about $2\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{3}{4}$ percent. I think this is what you have in mind—I think of a million and a half of that is being the so-called frictional employment, and including part of the seasonal unemployment and in answer to your question leaving about a million. That is a different million from month to month so that that figure could perhaps be enlarged on that basis, but just in round figures it is like that.

Representative SCHEUER. Would you say we ought to be developing programs to involve that?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes.

Representative SCHEUER. How would you divide these programs where the Government would be the trainer of last resort, but would sluice or channel presumably a major portion of them into the private sector and the rest into public service employment?

Secretary WIRTZ. I would put into the area where there ought to be coordinated public and private operation everybody except for those who are without a basic education and some of those who have a serious handicap, an unusual handicap of one kind or another. And again, in round figures, if we are talking about a million, I would put three-quarters of that million into one category and a quarter of a million in the other.

Representative SCHEUER. Three-quarters ultimately in the private sector?

Secretary WIRTZ. In that area where we would be coordinating public and private jobs.

Representative SCHEUER. You would say three-quarters of a million ought to be trained—ought to be undergoing training, education, and qualifying that would enable them to participate in the public sector or private sector?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes.

Representative SCHEUER. How would you define the three-quarters of a million?

Secretary WIRTZ. Ultimate gainful participation in the private sector. I do my thinking in terms of ultimate private employment. There was some discussion of that—that is an operational principle instead of a total principle because I know that if we got all of the rest of it done we would end up with a group which did not lend itself to that approach. I used the figure of half a million before. I am talking about a million with whom we can do something here—but to clarify the situation I work on the basis that there probably are close to half a million whom we are kidding ourselves about ever putting into private employment.

Representative SCHEUER. Even with training, educating, and qualifying them, they would probably never be appropriate for unassisted employment?

Secretary WIRTZ. That is right. That is not an idle figure. That arose during the war when there was pressure to use every person we could possibly move. It ended up with a half of 1 percent. In the