

I am speaking for myself and the other people of Gum Springs. I brought to the attention of the Moon Center that we need transportation badly for the kids and older people. Now, we have quite a few people that—one couple is blind—and we have some that are sick and trying to get to Fairfax County Hospital. The children need shots and some have difficulties because of having other diseases which should be treated at the clinic, but we don't have transportation.

That was my main reason for coming here today, to ask for this, and at preschool—we have a preschool with children—we don't have any air conditioners. We need more furniture and what-not—what is mostly all I have ~~been given to~~ foreign governments under the economic assistance program, as part of AID's excess property program.

I also noted numerous cases in which such means of transportation, apparently vitally needed here, were badly used or misallocated in recipient countries.

For example, the General Accounting Office audit of Turkey shows sedans were given to a sports stadium in Istanbul for transporting the people to sporting events. Involved were a large bus and some sedans.

Another instance noted by the General Accounting Office was that of automotive vehicles that had been given to religious institutions in Turkey.

We have similar cases of misuse in other countries.

For example, recent information obtained from the AID mission in Korea indicates that 30 percent of all of the excess property given by AID to one very large project was either sold by that agency, illegally and contrary to the agreement with the United States, or was otherwise misused.

We have very substantial evidence of misuse of the very kind of equipment that the community action program people indicate they are in desperate need of.

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