

that is a prerequisite to approval of projects, we would like to know what it is. Is there?

Mr. O'MALLEY. There is no specific level above or below which an application will not be considered.

Mr. EDMONDSON. In other words, there are factors other than unemployment which are evaluated to measure the needs?

Mr. O'MALLEY. There are many factors. As I said to Congressman Howard, it is a good question.

I am sure that the policy generally as described, and I say I am not verifying his description of it as entirely accurate, leads us to look first at those counties where obviously the need is greatest. But as we look at those and nothing is apparent that we should do, we move down the list.

So it is quite possible, Congressman, that with that policy, and without any conflict in that policy, we will reach certain area projects in the lower rate areas, and we have done that.

Mr. HOWARD. If you do look at a project in an area of say 7 percent, if you look at it and consider it now, then that is a change from the policy as stated when Mr. Davis was here.

Mr. O'MALLEY. I do not think it is a change.

Mr. HOWARD. He stated they would not consider one from a 7 percent area, and now he will. That seems to be a change to me.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Chairman, I want, for the record, to substantiate my remark, and then I know the gentleman from New Hampshire wants to ask some questions.

But on December 7, 1965, Mr. Enfield, under my instructions, sent a letter to Mr. Francis Dooley, special assistant for congressional liaison:

I would appreciate very much being placed on your mailing list to receive one copy of each publication, directive, and other documents issued by the Economic Development Administration, to implement and carry out the provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

The December 13, 1965, reply from Mr. Dooley states:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 7th in which you ask to be put on the mailing list to receive all future Economic Development Administration publications. This has been done as you ask.

We have received nothing but public announcements. And I would like to have those two letters made a part of the record.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Without objection, they will be; and so will the project list that has been supplied. I would like to say that I am very disappointed that there is not a reserve group of projects in larger numbers than just 18 to meet the possibility of a considerable increase in level of activities without reserve projects that have been established to meet that situation.

(Documents referred to follow:)

DECEMBER 7, 1965.

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DEAR FRANK: Thank you for your letter of December 2, 1965, and the material you forwarded concerning the Economic Development Program.

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