

APPENDIX E

COST OF TWO-ITEM FOOD BASKET, FIVE AREAS, JULY 11 AND 19, 1967

Item	Jackson Heights (Queens)	Bensonhurst (Brooklyn)	Sheepshead Bay (Brooklyn)	Hunts Point (Bronx)	Astoria (Queens)
	(14)	(48)	(40)	(8)	(18)
Margarine.....	\$0.30	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.35
Cheese.....	.43	.43	.43	.43	.43
Flour.....	.63	.63	.63	.63	.67
Canned peas.....	.25	.27	.27	.27	.27
Frozen green beans.....	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Frozen orange juice.....	.20	.22	.20	.23	.22
Baby food, meat.....	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Tunafish.....	.40	.43	.39	.45	.43
Corn flakes.....	.33	.33	.33	.35	.32
Rice.....	.21	.21	.21	.21	.21
Instant coffee.....	.89	.89	.89	.89	.89
Coca-Cola.....	.89	.89	.89	.89	.89
Milk.....	.27	.27	.27	.25	.28
Eggs.....	.55	.55	.59	.59	.59
Chuck steak.....	.59	.59	.59	.59	.59
Pork chops.....	1.09	1.09	1.19	1.19	1.19
Chicken.....	.43	.43	.45	.43	.45
Tomatoes.....	.39	.39	.49	.59	.55
Potatoes.....	.39	.39	.39	.39	.39
Dried beans.....	.23	.25	.25	.23	.25
Total.....	8.97	9.11	9.28	9.43	9.47
Percentage increase.....		+1.5	+3.4	+5.1	+5.6

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Our next witness will be Mrs. Gladys Aponte.

Mrs. Aponte, we welcome you here this morning and I note from your statement, you are executive director of the Consumer Action Program of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc. You have a printed statement, and if you like, you can proceed by reading it.

STATEMENT OF MRS. GLADYS R. APONTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONSUMER ACTION PROGRAM OF BEDFORD-STUYVESANT, INC.

Mrs. APONTE. Yes, sir.

First of all, I would like to thank you and the other witnesses, as well as the other Congressmen here for——

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Are these gentlemen with you?

Mrs. APONTE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Let them all sit right here at the table.

Mrs. APONTE. Will you excuse me a minute, please? I apologize because of the fact I decided to bring all this food as evidence of what I have gone through on different days. As a matter of fact, I was shopping for 2 different days, November 14 and November 16, and findings were so—I would like to use the word——

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Why don't you just tell us the facts, and we will characterize it.

Mrs. APONTE. I want to make it clear that I come here to testify about the consumer problems that particularly affect the low-income consumer of our "ghetto" area. I want to stress the fact that the purpose of my testimony is to point out existing conditions and not to make accusations.

There is a nationwide concern on consumer problems which is expressed in the Government spheres by the creation of President John-