

force action. You could stop that kind of activity without any kind of study at all, could you not?

Mr. VAUGHAN. We have no enforcement authority now.

Mr. DADDARIO. I mean recognizing that, if you had the enforcement authority you would know what to do. There is no secret to this business, if you agree that that is so.

Mr. VAUGHAN. I have not considered this because I am living in the world of our present authority.

Mr. DADDARIO. I understand that. But the present authority notwithstanding, the solution to that dump-burning problem certainly is something that we are technically capable of doing.

Mr. VAUGHAN. Yes, sir. We are technically capable, but having the technical knowledge and getting the job done, are in some cases, two entirely different things.

Mr. DADDARIO. That means that we have to develop some kind of a relationship and regulatory situation so that we can accomplish our objective. People will have to learn to put their solid wastes in a disposal basket and not throw it out in the street and clutter up the landscape.

Dr. Wolman was on television a couple of nights ago and he referred to this character of our society as the great American slob. He was not casting a reflection on the whole society, of course, but just trying, as I understood it, to call attention to the fact that we do a lot of things which add to the solid waste disposal problem because there is no incentive to do otherwise.

It is not a question of regulations. It is not a question of technical capability, but just a lack of will to do certain things. I think this is a different problem than the example you gave of the open burning dump, which short of regulation can be a hazard.

Mr. VAUGHAN. In this case, the citizens passed regulations which prohibited this from coming about. This was not a defined regulatory authority.

Mr. DADDARIO. Now you are talking about the open dump?

Mr. VAUGHAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. DADDARIO. We are probably spending too much time on this particular question, but I am trying to distinguish in my own mind your attitude about these things.

Here, certainly, a social science research program could help put it together so that these things can be done. It would appear to me to be part of the problem.

Mr. VAUGHAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. DADDARIO. I recognize that you have some problems, Mr. Vaughan, in this matter of open burning dumps. There was some serious debate during the course of the legislation on the disposal of solid wastes and Mr. Harris did say that the purpose of this program, and I am quoting from his remarks on the House floor, is "* * * research, investigation, training, surveys, studies, and demonstrations related to the operation of a solid wastes program."

Prior to that he indicated that enforcement would be an unnecessary invasion and interference by Government in a problem that should be primarily local. These are legal and constitutional problems which somehow must be overcome.