

Mr. ERLBORN. Can you tell us what breakdown there will be in the allocation of those funds between part A and part B for fiscal 1969?

Mr. SIMPSON. Yes, I think I can.

For part A, the grants and contracts for strengthening schools would be \$4,600,000. Under part B, fellowships, it would be \$5,400,000.

Mr. ERLBORN. I haven't lived through the legislative birth of Elementary and Secondary Education Act and its funding and putting it into operation. It leads me to ask this question: What sort of timetable do you foresee for the passage of this authorization, the passage of the appropriation, the drafting of your guidelines and then the beginning of the awards of contracts, grants, and fellowships?

Mr. VALIEN. Of course, it would depend to some extent when the legislation is passed. I do want to make one point, though, that I think is relevant, and I think it has been alluded to but probably has not been emphasized. That is that speaking on behalf of the higher education institutions, for example, I think it is important for them in order to be able to plan to know some of the dimensions and details of proposed Federal program support so that it seems to me that it is very difficult, even after legislation has been passed, but certainly almost impossible before it has been passed, for education institutions to begin to plan as to how they would respond to programs of Federal support.

Mr. ERLBORN. Let me ask this question: If this legislation is passed and the appropriation is passed, let us say hopefully by the 1st of August, which might be a legislative miracle if it could be done that quickly, do you think, really, that you then will be prepared to grant \$5,400,000 worth of fellowships for the school year beginning the 1st of September?

Dr. VALIEN. I doubt that. As you know, many of our programs are funded on a forward financing basis. Under our NDEA scholarship we make the award around the middle of November or the 1st of September for the next school year.

Mr. ERLBORN. Are you telling me that the \$10 million that would be authorized in this act could be appropriated this year and then actually spent the following year in fiscal 1970?

Mr. SIMPSON. There is a provision in the bill that the authorization would be available for 2 years.

Mr. ERLBORN. That is in this particular bill?

Mr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. ERLBORN. Does that apply also to the appropriation?

Mr. SIMPSON. No.

Mr. ERLBORN. In other words, do you have to spend the \$10 million before June 30, 1969? And are you going to, as we saw in elementary and secondary education history, hurry up and spend the \$10 million before the year runs out?

Mr. SIMPSON. The provision on appropriations in the bill reads that "funds appropriated for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1969, shall be available for obligation during that year and the succeeding fiscal year."

Mr. ERLBORN. I see. So that the \$10 million would not have to be spent in fiscal 1969?

Mr. SIMPSON. That is correct.