proceed on a definite schedule with its new Library and Law Center because of these loans. Also, George Washington has a request for $2.5 million under this title for its new library.

I believe there is a great necessity to increase these funds up to a level of $300 million for FY-1969. Of this, $150 million is recommended for the backlog of fiscal 1968 and $150 million is recommended for the fiscal year 1969, making a total of $300 million at 3%.

This would be needed even more if the grant program were to be cut to the proposed allotments, especially for the needs of the private colleges and universities and smaller state institutions of higher learning.

Reverend COLLINS. In planning our program for the District of Columbia, as I have said, there are 15 institutions, including our two very welcome and new institutions, the ones for the District of Columbia, the Technical Institute and the Federal City College. In programing, ourselves, we had as of July 1967, an estimated $2 million available for our demands.

The cutback in January of 1968 by the Office of Education reduced our allotment to $1.3 million. This is in title I funds. The allotment for next year would be $1 million.

In our program of emphasis we have selected Washington University as the one that is most eligible and most in need. It has a program for a library that it needs direly.

The impact of the cutback is to jeopardize certainly the starting of this and perhaps its existence.

American University with a library request behind that of George Washington is likewise in jeopardy. Both of those are part of our coordinated program of the District of Columbia in providing facilities for the interrelationships, the consortium that exists in the District of Columbia.

The joint effort by the five universities for exchange of students and professors on the graduate and undergraduate level, I think would suffer, all of us would suffer, from this cutback.

So it is our plea, if possible from the point of view of this one area of the United States, that such efforts as are available to this committee should be made to request it to be put back to the planned program

Another point that I wish to make is the question in title III funds. Title III funds are proposed at $150 million for fiscal year 1969. The summary on the second page of my testimony shows really there is a $300 million demand existent. There is $150 million backlog and $150 million of need that exists.

Needless to say, our Commission, and myself personally, think that the 3-percent rate should be maintained, not the change in the formula as proposed in the bill.

What effect does the cutback on title III have in the District of Columbia?

Once again, George Washington, as an instance of our 15 institutions, has a request for $2.5 million of eligible funds under this title.

In the present program if it goes in for reservation of funds from the Office of Education, it must be in line, and the likelihood of getting anything toward it at this point is very minimal.

So it is my statement to request, showing an instance in the District of just one, the impact it will have on the cutback in title I funds, that title III funds on the national level be increased since this then would accrue to the benefit of our institutions here in the District of Columbia.