

detailed report of those appearances with us so we may take an appraisal of the situation?

Father GRIESMANN. Yes, I have left with you today some of the responses to our grievances and some of the negotiable points we have had. The task force in Camden is still going to town because they have received so much flak from the housing authority, they cannot get into their files and so on. As soon as the task force report is received, I will see to it that a copy of it is forwarded to this committee.

So far, you have everything that HUD has developed with us. I must point out that HUD came up with 13 points which I have filed with you. We were going to meet with the city, with the mayor and the business administrator and the housing authority that attempted to leave us out of the meeting. But they took in the Greater Camden movement, who are our citizens advisory council, and Mr. Becket of HUD, regional officer in charge of the task force, said to us, we are only going to do business with those we contract with. We pointed out that the Greater Camden movement was not one of those they contracted with. Only after 35 people, some of whom are here today, threatened to barge into that room, could we even get in to hear what was going on, let alone offer suggestions.

One of the suggestions offered is now just about a fact accomplished with a relocation review board, a proposal for which is in the report hereto. If we had been left out, we would not have learned what was discussed in that room. HUD's refusal at the regional level to obey the laws and to enforce the laws in the city of Camden and then to allow us into meetings is extremely peculiar to us. I wanted that mentioned, too.

Senator MUSKIE. You may be sure that we will ask for an explanation.

May I say finally that I know many in this room have come here this morning from Camden with you. I am delighted that they have. I hope that they may get some small measure, at least, of reassurance that at least this committee is concerned with this problem and interested in doing something about it.

Thank you, Father.

Father GRIESMANN. Thank you, Senator.

Senator MUSKIE. Thank you, Mr. Sharp. Thank all of you.

The committee will be in brief recess while we await our next witnesses from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. I understand they will be here in a matter of a very few minutes.

(Short recess.)

Senator MUSKIE. Come to order, please.

Miss Wright, it is a pleasure to welcome you and your group here this morning. This was not a planned part of this hearing, as you know, I thought circumstances seemed to combine to make this highly appropriate. So we realize you do not have prepared statements, but we appreciate your interest in using this opportunity to tell us of some of the things that are on your mind. You may handle it in your own way, identifying each of the people present so that the record will be complete.