

Senator PROXMIRE. Thank you very much, Congressman Curtis and Mr. Hayes and Monsignor Corcoran. It has been a most useful presentation this morning. I think this properly and rightly concludes what I think have been very productive hearings.

The appendixes to these hearings will contain all the supplementary statements and articles which have been mentioned during the course of these hearings as well as pertinent materials which we have not had an opportunity to mention heretofore. I would refer you to the contents page of the published hearings for details.

In line with what I have just mentioned is a letter from William L. Taylor, staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights which I will include in the record at this point.

(Whereupon, at 12:25 p.m., the hearing concluded.)

(Letter referred to follows:)

U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS,  
Washington, D.C.

HON. MARTHA W. GRIFFITHS,  
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy, Joint Economic Committee of the Congress, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MRS. GRIFFITHS: I have been following with interest the hearings being held by your subcommittee on Income Maintenance Programs. Recently, the Commission on Civil Rights held a public hearing in Montgomery, Alabama on issues of economic security. Much of the testimony received at the Alabama hearing is particularly relevant to the hearings your subcommittee presently is conducting.

The testimony presented to us led to the conclusion that bold, new programs and approaches must be developed before the cycle of poverty and economic dependency of Black Belt Alabama will be broken. Programs which will assure to every family a standard of living adequate to provide a reasonable chance in life have become a necessity. Many have suggested that this only can be accomplished by some form of income maintenance.

I am enclosing four staff reports and a statement which are based on evidence developed through Commission investigations and testimony given at the hearing. I would like to have these included in the record of testimony before your subcommittee. I believe they will be helpful to you, your committee and its staff, in understanding the failure of present programs to assist the poor in helping themselves, and of the necessity of seeking new approaches to break the cycle of poverty.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM L. TAYLOR.

(See volume II, app. 8, for reports and statement referred to in above letter.)