

The CHAIRMAN. He testified to that yesterday.

Mr. MOOT. It is in the record of yesterday. A very quick answer, we are all right financially through the next fiscal year.

Mr. DINGELL. You have enough money to make the loans that you are going to have applications for?

Mr. MOOT. Yes, sir.

Mr. DINGELL. My experience with regard to loan in my area, and the small business company assistance, is that there seems to be a very distinct difficulty in achieving these loans because of the shortage of money in your revolving fund.

Mr. MOOT. That is a little different aspect, Mr. Dingell. It is true that there is a greater demand for Small Business Administration loans than we have the resources to fill. On the other hand, we would hope that this would always be the case, because I think part of our job is to make our program known to the small business community, both potential and actual, throughout the country.

We have about 400,000 inquiries for financial assistance a year throughout the country. I think it is obvious that we can never have the kind of funds that would meet the total demand. On the other hand our program next year is at a significantly increased level, as it appears on the Hill today.

Mr. DINGELL. Are you talking about the total loan program?

Mr. MOOT. I am talking about each and every loan program. The record, I think, for yesterday, will show that each of the programs is on an ascending scale from this year until next year, as well as down from last year.

Mr. DINGELL. I am pleased to hear that.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Corman.

Mr. CORMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MOOT, when I served on the President's Commission on Civil Disorders your agency came in for a little bit of criticism from some on that Commission because they were not losing enough money. But it is my understanding that first of all you do not deal with anybody unless they have been turned down by a bank, indicating that you are reaching people who would not otherwise be reached. Is that correct?

Mr. MOOT. That is correct, sir.

Mr. CORMAN. And further, that you have placed all your assets in loans that the Congress has seen fit to give you, you don't have any great backlog that you have been holding back, isn't that a fair statement?

Mr. MOOT. Yes, sir. We have been using all of the authorization, all of the funded program levels that have been provided us.

Mr. CORMAN. That was my contention. And I wanted to be sure I was right. It seems to me that if you are lending all of the money that we give you, lending it to people who can't borrow it any place else, we shouldn't criticize you because you are not losing the Government's money.

Now, you indicated that Los Angeles is one of those areas which you have selected for loans under the poverty program amendments. Does that mean that anyone in the Los Angeles area would qualify, or do you limit it geographically within the Los Angeles area?

Mr. MOOT. There are two types, Mr. Corman. The Economic Opportunity loan program is open to all qualified people who meet the requirements of that program.