

group within the city itself, with which we can work. I hope within the next week or 10 days to go to New York and talk to them, so that we can work together with them in developing the kind of communications with the local organizations which we believe is necessary to do a good job.

New York is going to be one of the next groups that will be coming in.

Mr. CONTE. From the little that I know about this subject matter, I feel that he has done a good job in trying to promote it there.

Mr. GREENBERG. There is no question about it. Actually there are many areas—if we do select New York, we will go into more than one area there. We have the Bedford-Stuyvesant problem, and the Harlem problem, and the Bronx problem. When we get this worked out, we propose to go in there fairly quickly, Mr. Congressman.

Mr. CONTE. You continually talk about your community economic development program in the future tense, in terms of what you are going to do. Section 406 of the Economic Opportunity Act became law December 23, 1967.

Mr. GREENBERG. Yes, sir.

Mr. CONTE. What have you done to put into effect the mandate of section 406? Why can't we get started?

Mr. GREENBERG. Well, we have a little problem of funds, as we discussed before, Mr. Conte. We have actually started this as a pilot program. The Administrator has made available from this year's funds to start these teams immediately. As we pointed out, I think, in a previous discussion, the continuation and the expansion of this program would be dependent upon the availability of funds after July 1.

Mr. CONTE. These funds will come from OEO. Is that right?

Mr. MOOT. It is up to the Bureau of the Budget what they allocate funds for. But the poverty program is fully funded as requested. It is a logical source of funds. And of course 406 is a part of it. There are no earmarked funds per se for this.

Mr. CONTE. This bothers me a little. I wonder whether it would be better to have it right in your shop than to be dependent upon OEO.

Mr. MOOT. Well, it bothers us a bit too, I might mention.

Mr. CONTE. OEO isn't your baby. This may take second priority.

Mr. MOOT. I don't think, Mr. Conte, that that presents too much of a problem. I do think that the priorities of the administration and the Congress will have to be considered in the allocation of the funds. And of course it depends upon what total funds come back off of the Hill, in contrast to that which is requested. But our cooperation with OEO, as the chairman indicated before, and I responded to, has been excellent.

Mr. CONTE. On page 4 of your statement, Mr. Greenberg, you have indicated that teams will be working with local organizations. You refer to small business development centers, and say that it is possible that there will be such groups. As I understand it, all of the SBDC's will expire by June 30 unless they receive additional funds to continue. What do you plan to do about preserving the already existing SBDC's?

Mr. GREENBERG. After June 30 there are no funds available to pay for these services. We have the same problem again. In those areas where the SBDC's are located, we propose to work with them.

Mr. CONTE. Are you going to allow them to discontinue?