

that Congress and the country made—I just included that among all the businesses of the country.

The CHAIRMAN. It is a very signal decision. Why didn't you address yourself to the other types of businesses within the inner city?

Mr. SAMUELS. I think, Mr. Chairman, I will show you now the movement toward the other businesses in the inner cities, if I might. And that really gets to the main thrust of what my responsibilities are as head of the SBA, the main thrust of what the President gave me when he asked me to head the SBA and the development of minority businesses in the country.

I first want to make a statement, however, that in the development of minority businesses in the country the SBA is not giving up its responsibilities to small businesses, white or black, or any other color. Last year out of \$800 million that we levered into the economy of the country, less than \$50 million, less than 6 percent, went into the development of minority businesses. And this year, despite the new thrust, and the new large amount of money, we expect to expand actually the loans that we make and the development we have of white businesses at the same time that we put a major emphasis on the development of minority businesses.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Samuels, may I ask you one question at this point? You say that less than 6 percent was given to the minority groups—

Mr. SAMUELS. Not given, Mr. Chairman, I am talking about loans, not gifts.

Mr. ADDABBO. You have stated in your opening statement that Congress has not appropriated sufficient funds, which means that most of this loan money came from banks working under guarantees. Isn't it true, then, that it is the banks that have refused to give the minorities the loans, not SBA?

Mr. SAMUELS. Well, the question of who is involved in making the loans, and how we develop the new thrust to the SBA to the development of minority businesses, is a topic all in itself, Congressman. I am going to talk in a few minutes about it, because I think in terms of your committee, Mr. Chairman, and questions I am sure you are getting from your constituents, I think that is probably the most important comment that I might make to you here.

And, Congressman, after I discuss this, I would be glad to answer your questions about it.

Let me say, Mr. Chairman, to the members of your committee something that I feel very deeply about. And I felt very deeply about it long before I came over to SBA, because as the Under Secretary of Commerce I not only was involved in the National Alliance of Businessmen, which was a partnership between business and Government, of which I was one of the founding fathers, but also involved in a task force with the Vice President of the United States, Hubert Humphrey, on what do we do about the development of minority businesses, and how to write the task force report that really is the basis of the program that I would like to discuss with you.

I felt for a long time, and I feel more strongly about it today than ever, that we will never rebuild the inner cities of this country without the minorities becoming owners. And in every city that I have been