

Mr. Samuels, I want to congratulate you on the impact you have had on this committee. I have seen some members here for the first in the 2 years that I have been on the committee.

Mr. SAMUELS. I hope I have had somewhat of the same impact on doing the job for you.

Mr. MORTON. A couple of housekeeping questions. I know we are all trying to operate the Government as efficiently and frugally as we can. I notice you have been keeping your building open on weekends. Is a 24-hour operation necessary?

Mr. SAMUELS. Mr. Morton, you come there on Saturday, you will find me all day there on Saturday, and a lot of our people there all day Saturday. I don't know how we can do this new thrust without the involvement of our top personnel. I might say that one of the great and pleasing things for me as a public servant down here for my 11th month is the tremendous amount of support that the public servants in Washington are giving me in working considerably over the 40-hour week.

Mr. MORTON. I don't begrudge you a bit, considering those of us in Congress who work all the time.

Mr. SAMUELS. Congressman, actually, the office is open all day Saturday, but on Sunday when I come in you have to have a key to get in the building. There is no staff or anybody there on Sunday.

Mr. MORTON. I guess you know the cost figures when you are open on weekends. Your guard figures are \$38 an hour, and your air-conditioning figures are around \$1,000 a day.

Mr. SAMUELS. Mr. Congressman, I have been there at night, and I have been very upset because we turned the air conditioning off at our building at 7 o'clock at night. And you will find a lot of us there past 7 o'clock. You can call me.

Mr. MORTON. I probably will.

I am concerned about the realignment of the thrust of the SBA. You have clarified this to an extent, but as I first understood it from the press releases that I have seen of the meetings that you have had, the focus was going to be on minority problems of the inner city. The implication was that priorities were going to change. Are you or are you not changing the basic system of priorities so that the rural areas are going to lose proportionately the privileges and economic assistance they have formerly received from SBA?

Mr. SAMUELS. Congressman, I would like you to know that what we are doing is adding on, not anything else. In fact, one of the things that I am constantly doing, which I did in my company, is taking a look at the way we use our management and our people. Because obviously if I am going to just add on, we have got to make a more effective agency, if we are going to have more attention and more people in terms of the minorities, we are either going to take it away from what we are doing, or do it more efficiently. And I like to feel that we are moving toward efficiency and not neglecting an important part of the country.

Mr. MORTON. Is one of the important criteria for making a loan, whether it be done direct or through the bank, as far as you are concerned, the number of jobs that this capital will produce, whether it