

Senator JAVITS. And I am correct about the fact that that represents one-quarter of the whole imbalance in our interest payments?

Secretary WIRTZ. I would be out of my depth.

Senator JAVITS. To that must be added some figure for steel imports. It is true that they have risen materially through fear of a possible steel strike?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes, sir.

Senator JAVITS. Nonetheless, you feel, notwithstanding the Vietnam war, it would be inopportune for the President to intervene on the manner I have suggested?

Secretary WIRTZ. I already answered. I am obviously in an area where the question of propriety and the degree of my comment on what the President ought to do in that situation has been about reached. But, I would say quite frankly, I would have the feeling that that personal participation would not at this point be a good idea.

Senator JAVITS. Now, on another crisis front, to wit the cities, do you see, Mr. Secretary, any need for another emergency job program, like we had in 1967, when we appropriated 75 million special dollars for the purpose?

Secretary WIRTZ. I cannot place the program as a separate program to which you refer. We have discussed earlier this morning the desirability of expanding the manpower program as a whole, as it is expanded in the President's recommendation, and I do support that. But I am not sure if you have reference to some particular program.

Senator JAVITS. May I just refresh you on it.

Last year the President sent a special message to the Congress asking for \$75 million for summer jobs. We voted the \$75 million upon the express request of the administration.

Now, I ask you, What about this year?

Secretary WIRTZ. I am not in a position to answer that.

Senator JAVITS. As yet?

Secretary WIRTZ. That is correct.

Senator JAVITS. I do not want to press you, Mr. Secretary. You know I have great respect for you.

Will you be prepared to testify at this time as to need on that score?

Secretary WIRTZ. I will be glad to testify as to the situation.

Senator JAVITS. Now?

Secretary WIRTZ. At any time.

Senator JAVITS. I am asking you, Do you see a need for summer jobs this year?

Secretary WIRTZ. I beg your pardon. I thought you meant on the basis of some further preparation. What I can say to you now is in pretty general terms, and would not go to the point of whether I think there ought to be a separate appropriation. I will say this to you. I think it is the heart of—meets the heart of your question.

There is no question but that—I mean it is a fact that a large part of that supplemental appropriation last year went into programs in the larger cities in the country. And that is not possible under the allocation formula as far as the general programs are concerned. The numbers are quite significant in the larger cities, and present a problem that is very important. And I could give you, or I could supply for the record—I do not have it immediately at hand—the effect, or—