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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARTHUR A. FLETCHER

In the Senate Labor Committee hearing this date before Senator Magnuson the main thrust was to provide Mr. Austin St. Laurent the opportunity to present a written current statement and to read a prepared statement, copies of which are attached. Following Mr. St. Laurent's presentation the Chairman asked me to answer a few questions that went along the following lines.

First: The Manpower Administration should furnish to the Chairman in writing the current spending level for apprenticeship outreach and journeyman upgrading training involving the building trades throughout the country. I gave him the figures that I received by phone from Mr. McConnon for the apprenticeship outreach program, \$5,150,000 covering 78 SMA's. For journeyman upgrading the figure I gave him was \$3,900,000 covering 12 SMA's. The Chairman would like to have a breakdown of the funds involved in these programs and also the number of people who provide administrative support for these programs and their S&E budget for the support personnel.


Second: The Chairman asked for a statement and status of the proposed changes to 29 CFR 30. Mr. St. Laurent testified that these changes could not be agreed upon within the Department of Labor and had been withdrawn from consideration because of inclusion of a lottery system for selection of apprenticeship candidates.

Third: The third area concerned the amount of monies being transferred in the '71 budget from Office of Economic Opportunity to Department of Labor for administration of programs. He requested a breakdown of the programs that were involved and the amount of money for each and referred to the advisability, from the Appropriations Committee point of view, of having the money budgeted in the Department of Labor.

Fourth: The Chairman requested cities in which there were plans for affirmative action in the construction industry in effect. I told the Chairman that I believe there were approximately 12 cities. He then asked how many of them were actually in operation and I told him I believe about 8 cities were in actual operation although it was difficult to define in those terms. The Chairman requested the names of cities that were involved under that question.

Fifth: The Chairman repeated several times that he was interested in the overall national approach to the construction industry affirmative action program and he would like to have a statement from the Secretary concerning this. It was difficult to understand exactly what the Chairman had in mind with this very general question. The Chairman requested the above information in writing and also, I believe, plans to request the Secretary or Assistant Secretary Fletcher to appear before the Appropriations Committee. If that request actually materializes the Chairman will be expecting the Secretary or Assistant Secretary Fletcher to outline overall plans for affirmative action during fiscal year 1971. The Chairman indicated he would try to schedule a meeting for 10:30 Monday. As I gather it, his approach is mainly to guide the committee in consideration of the '71 budget.

If an appearance does in fact materialize, and because of the wide ranging questioning technique of Senator Magnuson, it would be advisable to have representation from the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, the Office of National Projects, Manpower Administration budget people, in addition to the consideration of OFCC and the attendant questions concerning "quotas."

  
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Attachment

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