Because of inadequate appropriations to meet the need of schools under the terms of Public Law 815 enacted by the United States Congress on September 23, 1950, the Office of Education had to establish a priority system in the allotment of the insufficient funds to meet the requirements of applications submitted to them by school districts throughout the United States.

The $31,000,000 remaining from the $46$2 million appropriation made last year, after $15,000,000 was reserved to construct school facilities on military reservations, was sufficient to make only partial allotments to approximately 70 schools with priority ratings above 92 located in 30 states. The appropriation of $50,000,000 approved in the Third Supplemental Appropriation Bill will allow further allotments to only those applicants with a priority rating of from 92 down to 75. This will depend upon the amount it is necessary to reserve for further facilities on military installations. There are approximately 97 more schools in this group.

Such a situation means that some schools with 50% of their student body resulting from a Federal impact will receive no help at all because of insufficient funds. Such critical conditions will be even worse next September because of increased defense activities.

Without an increase in this appropriation item, not more than 170 schools throughout the United States will receive even a part of the assistance to which they are entitled under Public Law 815. There are 227 schools in 36 states with a priority rating between 40 and 75, which means
that they are called upon to educate from 30% to 40% of their student body as a result of Federal activity. Yet, they have no hope for Federal help unless this appropriation is increased to $100,000,000.

The attached tabulation of the number of applicants by states, together with the number having a priority rating between 40 and 75, shows that almost one-third of all applicants are in this group. No single appropriation of $50,000,000 will offer help to as many different school districts as such an amount will at this time, if made through increasing this appropriation.