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officially the position of the Department which he's a part of. Will you explain to the body what the letter means insofar as Federal funds are concerned--in this specific area.

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you have a copy of it there?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'll read the--

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: --second paragraph of the letter which is from the Regional Director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (letter read). I interpret to mean that those funds which are directly tied to the Social Security Act, cannot be withheld by the Executive. They can only be withheld by Congressional action. Is that your interpretation?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Does it mean, for example, on 235 specifically. Let's presume, we're talking about \$8,000,000 in round sum. It would mean that the Federal Government would pay about \$4,500,000 of that \$8,000,000 in aid to dependent children and that will go on indefinitely until such time as the Congress would amend the law and they would have to do it in order to preclude

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