

written by the city as to the number of substantial corrections that had to be made in the work that was done on one of these houses. I think it would be a mistake when you have a city program flopping in the way this one is to authorize the city to declare other areas blighted and substandard and take them by the power of eminent domain from the people who live there or own the property and damage it in the way that these houses have been damaged that are a part of the current housing relocation. . .rehabilitation program. I have talked directly with an FBI agent in Omaha. They are interested in this and I'm sure that an investigation will be undertaken. The program involves millions of dollars, hundreds of houses. They have done things such as being paid for a new overhead garage door and the original door would be painted over and resold back to the homeowner. Remember the homeowner in most cases has to take out a loan and pay for this which is her own property in the first place. It shows how many things that were written up in the work write-up were not done at all. Anybody who is a lay person could go on these jobs and see that the work was not done. But, despite this, the City Inspector approved, not only the undone work, but the payment from the person's loan funds for this work not done. There is a provision in some of the legal documents that go along with these kind of jobs that the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development in Omaha must give specific prior approval to progress payments before they can be given. The approval was given, the payments were made, but now everybody is beginning to say that they didn't know such bad shabby work was being done. Nothing has been done to the particular inspector named Bangston who not only does the inspecting, approving of this nonconforming work, but he makes the estimates on which bids are taken to determine the amount of a loan. Then he does the work write-up and then he approves the nonconforming work and payment for work not done at all, yet nothing has been done about him. These are the kind of things that are happening. We don't know on how wide spread a scale. I'm hoping that the FBI investigation will disclose that. If it is substantial enough in the same way that bid rigging cases have resulted in indictments, I think that ought to be the case in this instance too. Whenever public money or federal money, to be more specific, is taken in the fashion that has been taken through this program fraud is there. Misrepresentation is there. It would be stealing if somebody off the street walked into a store and took it out of the cash register. So I think it is nothing less even though it is done through the administration of the