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NOTES ON INTERVIEW WITH DR. LOGAN WILSON, AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
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Dr. Wilson made the following comments regarding problems and situations in the Office of Education:

1. The Office has an image of being bureaucratic and slow. He cited one specific instance in which processing delays caused the loss of a top quality man.
2. He was concerned that excessively detailed requirements on civil rights have resulted in nettling many institutions that already wanted to comply reasonably with the Civil Rights Act. He felt that the legal people are getting into this with excessive concern for detail. He suggested that Commissioner Keppel should have a higher level lawyer to whom he can turn for advice on such problems.
3. Dr. Wilson was concerned about the breakdown of communication on the selection of Mr. Loomis as Deputy. The American Council was not aware of Mr. Loomis' appointment and he found it out completely by accident while sitting next to him at a dinner. He also questioned how Mr. Loomis could function without an educational background.
4. Dr. Wilson believes that the Office should have additional top level jobs granted to it. He believes that the Commissioner needs at least six top level people to whom he can delegate some of his responsibilities, and that it will not be an easy job in finding them.
5. In recruiting younger people for the tasks, Dr. Wilson said it was important to get different types of people than the public school superintendents, etc., that have reflected the bulk of recruitment in the past. He said the college and university community has now recognized that they have an important stake in strengthening the OE, and they will help in every way they can.

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