

1A3 About the 1973 Court Case

The EOA was created with the full support of President Lyndon B. Johnson. President Nixon was nominally supportive of OEO in his first term, but when re-elected in 1972 and confronted with a budget squeeze (aggravated by the first oil embargo in 1972) he proposed cutting many social programs. Especially those with linkages to the civil rights movement that had opposed him, or links to the Democratic ticket McGovern-**Shriver**.

Nixon appointed Howard Phillips as Acting Director at OEO to lead the effort to impound the funds Congress had appropriated for OEO and to close the agency (spinning off a few programs).

This section starts with the communications that Mr. Phillips sent to the OEO employees notifying them of the pending shutdown.

Several CAAs and the OEO employee's union hired lawyers and collected \$500,000 in personal donations to pay them. They filed a lawsuit and won.