Each school has three to five classrooms and two to four conference or seminar rooms. Classroom capacity ranges from 90 to 363 students (average equals 214). Laboratory spaces range from 65 to 176 (average equals 125). Outpatient clinics service from 18,000 to over 50,000 patient visits annually and have from 30 to 100 student stations (average equals 63). Libraries accommodate from 12 to 32 students at 1 time (average equals 24). In the classrooms, the square footage per student ranges from 10 to 25 (average equals 16 square feet per student), in laboratories from 17 to 43 (average equals 30 square feet per space), in the clinics from 60 to 150 square feet (average equals 120 square feet per station) and in the library from 22 to 106 square feet (average equals 56 square feet per student seat). These facilities can accept from 45 to 60 first-year students per school and will graduate from 210 to 225 students 4 years later. The classroom, laboratory, and clinical facilities are made adequate only by careful scheduling in some cases.

(b) Services Rendered

Podiatry schools provide training for the doctorate degree in podiatry, refresher and more extended training for graduates including internships, training for podiatric assistants, clinical investigations, some limited research, and clinical and hospital service to patients. Each school serves the entire Nation, Canada, and other foreign countries. One serves primarily the Pacific Coast and Mountain States, two the Midwest, Southwest and South, one the Middle Atlantic States and Southeast, and one New York and the Northeast. The patients are from the metropolitan area of the school.

(c) Standard of Performance

The recommended standard for library space for podiatry schools of the sizes described in A. 1. (a) above is 6,000 square feet, three to four times the present average size, the average deficit being 4,000 square feet.

(d) Qualitative Standard of Performance

School performance is evaluated regularly by the Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association and when it is adjudged adequate, the school is accredited. All five schools are accredited, one intitially, since it will not graduate its first class until 1967.

2. EXISTING CAPITAL PLANT IN THE UNITED STATES

(a) Number of Facilities

There are five podiatry schools (mid-1965) in existence and operating;

(b) Distribution by States

There are one each in States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, and California; and

(c) Distribution by Size of City All in cities over 500,000.

(d) Age of Facilities

Part of one school was built before 1900. In the other schools part of their facilities were constructed between 1921 and 1940.