

6. Prospective changes in program orientation

Proposed changes in program orientation will involve increased emphasis on replacement of the existing inventory which will be phasing out of its useful life. Additionally, it is possible that some relief may be given to the family housing needs of lower-grade enlisted personnel. In this latter connection, it is expected that by 1970, a substantial portion of the needs for career men will have been met by increases in private construction and completion of prior years' on-base construction programs. Accordingly, it will be appropriate to devote the major effort to raising the standards of living of the non-career man by programming construction of housing for his family. This will require new legislation which the Department of Defense will consider proposing. There are no other new legislative proposals which the Department of Defense expects to sponsor. Further, we do not anticipate any proposed administrative or organizational changes which would affect the DOD family housing program. As for probable technological, economic, or social changes in conditions under which the program will operate in 1970, it is doubtful that such changes will have any direct bearing on the family housing program of the Department of Defense.

7. Coordination and cooperation

Under existing procedures, the Department of Defense maintains continued liaison and cooperates to the maximum extent with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the development of annual new construction programs. It is expected that such cooperation will continue. In addition, close liaison is maintained with FHA and VA with respect to utilization of units held by these agencies. Inasmuch as new construction programs are developed solely by means of direct appropriations and the Congress has indicated a preference for continuing these financial arrangements, we do not anticipate any new concepts of financing the DOD family housing program. The Office of the Secretary of Defense will continue to cooperate fully with the military departments and with the defense agencies in the development of annual family housing programs. We do not anticipate any change in such liaison and coordination. The Department of Defense has relied to a large measure on the State Department for liaison with foreign governments and international organizations in connection with clearance for overseas family housing programs. We do not anticipate any change in that arrangement. Only limited liaison is maintained with State and local governments in connection with the DOD family housing program. There is no basis for promoting more extensive liaison with such agencies.

With respect to nonprofit organizations or institutions and business enterprises, we plan to work closely with various real estate boards, homebuilders organizations, and independent research and development groups in developing DOD family housing programs. The Department of Defense will continue to explore the use of new products and new techniques in connection with the development of the construction program.

8. Laws and regulations

The DOD family housing program is operating primarily on the basis of annual military construction and appropriations laws. The