

servation and into areas of community development designed primarily to upgrade the economic opportunity for people living in predominantly rural areas.

There will be further changes in the program orientation with respect to expanding extension work to assist in the development of agricultural industries in foreign lands.

(a) Currently, there are no pending legislative proposals related to cooperative extension work.

(b) There are no proposed administrative or organizational changes.

(c) Technological, economic, and social changes in rural areas may be more rapid between now and 1970 than during the recent past. It is anticipated that continued steps taken between now and 1970 will create a greater sense of urgency with regard to equal employment opportunity. Education, both formal and informal, will play an important role in achieving this goal. Commercial agriculture will become more technical by 1970, and will require a more competent staff to serve its needs.

The economic climate will provide an opportunity for direct educational programs conducted by the Extension Service designed to improve the abilities of those who are in the economic stream of low income to improve their position.

7. Coordination and cooperation

(b) The coordination and cooperation with other agencies of the Department and other departments of Government is most extensive and comprehensive. The Federal Extension Service is responsible for coordination of the total educational program within the Department of Agriculture. This coordination includes examination and analysis of all educational activities; review and approval of all educational activities or proposals prior to initiation; advice and consultation on planning with heads of agencies; and reports and recommendations to the Secretary.

(c) The cooperation with other agencies is generally formally provided by a memorandum of understanding, cooperative agreement, or a work order arrangement. Representation on working committees is also provided.

(d) The Department of Agriculture and the State land-grant university operate on the basis of a memorandum of agreement, signed by the land-grant university president and the Secretary of Agriculture. This arrangement is further supported by mutually agreed upon project agreements, plans of work, budgets, and reports. The Federal Extension Service has representation on committees established by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, which provides an excellent means of mutually agreeing on matters of organization and policy.

(e) The State extension service is responsible for conducting the cooperative extension work in each of the counties in a State. The arrangements between the counties and the State vary, but there is generally a formal memorandum of understanding, agreement, or contract between the State extension service and the county governing body, setting forth the conditions under which extension work will be conducted in the county. The Department of Agriculture is not a party to these agreements.

(f), (g), (h) Not applicable to the work of this agency.