

tration in planning emergency defense procedures. The electric program works with the Federal Power Commission, and the telephone program works with the Federal Communications Commission on accounting and other matters.

REA works with its borrowers in upgrading the economies of their service areas by helping them find credit and technical assistance for new businesses and industries from Small Business Administration, Economic Development Administration, Office of Economic Opportunity, Farmers Home Administration, and what was the Community Facilities portion of Housing and Home Finance Agency, now Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

(d) *With State governments or their instrumentalities.*—REA borrowers have numerous relationships with the State government and its instrumentalities, for which the borrowers themselves are responsible. Most of the telephone borrowers and some of the electric borrowers are subject to the jurisdiction of their State regulatory commissions, and REA occasionally helps them in matters relating to such commissions.

REA also maintains separate liaison with many of the State regulatory commissions.

REA is a signatory, with other Department of Agriculture agencies, in a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate cooperation between State and Federal agencies in the Great Plains area, and also in a cooperative agreement with other USDA agencies and the State extension services of the Northern Great Lakes region to facilitate Federal-State cooperation in attacking economic problems in the rural areas of the Northern Great Lakes region.

(e) *With local governments or communities.*—REA encourages its borrowers to cooperate closely with local governments and communities in their service areas to insure that their needs for electric and telephone service are met, and also in connection with plans for economic development of their areas and other matters of civic concern.

(f) *With foreign governments or international organizations.*—Working through the Department of State, REA is represented on the U.S. National Committee for World Power Conference and it cooperates with the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations in the agency's collection and publication of information on electric power.

Working with the Agency for International Development, on a reimbursable basis, REA has conducted training programs for a number of foreign visitors, and REA employees have gone abroad on technical missions to various countries, including Jordan and Vietnam.

(g) *With nonprofit organizations or institutions.*—In the electric program, REA works closely with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which represents rural electric cooperatives in Washington, and exchanges statistical data with the Edison Electric Institute. It works closely with borrower statewide organizations, and with the Northwest Public Power Association in the Northwestern United States. In the telephone program, REA works closely and exchanges statistical data with the U.S. Independent Telephone Association and with statewide organizations of telephone companies, with the National Telephone Cooperative Association, and the National REA Telephone Association.