

tions on programs and on individual projects which may be of interest to either agency.

Coordination of programs between the Office of Education and the Office of Economic Opportunity is provided by Bureau of Research staff members who work closely with research components of OEO on project formulation, proposal review, and joint funding of programs of mutual interest.

Research programs in vocational education are coordinated with those of the Office of Manpower, Automation, and Training, Department of Labor, by an interchange of research proposals and a continuing dialog between the members of the two staffs.

The Bureau of Research conducts research in foreign countries with funds from the Public Law 480 excess foreign currency program. These projects are coordinated both through the State Department and the local embassy in the country in which the research is conducted.

The Inter-Agency Committee on Education includes, among its concerns, matters of research coordination.

Another interdepartmental committee, the Foreign Area Research Coordinate Group, coordinates Government-sponsored research in foreign areas and international education.

(d) *With State governments.*—The largest single program of the Bureau, the cooperative research program, has encouraged and supported the research activities of State educational agencies, including, for example, the funding of 151 research projects conducted by State departments of education in the last 3 years. Information from the vocational education part of the Bureau's programs is regularly exchanged with State boards of vocational education. Twenty-three State vocational education research coordinating units have been established through this program.

(e) *With local governments.*—The national program of educational laboratories which is now being developed includes provisions for communities and local school districts, among others, to participate in the activities of the laboratories. In addition to this participation, local communities or organizations may make application to the research programs of the Bureau of Research.

(f) *With nonprofit organizations.*—Nonprofit organizations and institutions are eligible for grants or contracts as appropriate. The Bureau of Research maintains contact with such organizations through professional associations and other channels.

(g) *With business enterprises.*—Business enterprises are eligible to participate, through contracts, in the research programs of the Bureau. The increasing interest and contributions of business to education make contacts with them an important area which receives special attention through bulletins, speeches, special purpose meetings, etc.

(h) *With other groups.*—Various advisory groups aid the educational research program as follows:

(1) The Research Advisory Council is the major advisory group on the long-range policy of the cooperative research program. Under the council, panels have been established for arts and humanities, reading, curriculum improvement, demonstration, educational processes, English, environment, psychological processes, and research and development centers. Members of the panels evaluate research proposals in their area as to the soundness of the design, the possibilities