

industrial laundries and retail chainstores. We have also cooperated with the BAT in developing programs for the placement and training of personnel employed in rehabilitation facilities.

C. Bureau of Employment Security. The Vocational Rehabilitation Administration has a written agreement with the Bureau of Employment Security to increase the number of handicapped persons placed in productive employment. The Vocational Rehabilitation Administration issued as early as 1956 a detailed plan for all State vocational rehabilitation agencies to implement national policies and procedures established between the VRA and the Bureau of Employment Security. We are currently negotiating with BES to review and update these agreements.

D. Bureau of Employees Compensation. The VRA also has a long-standing agreement with the Bureau of Employees Compensation. Of particular significance is the provision for the prompt referral of disabled civil employees of the United States and disabled individuals who apply for benefits under the Longshoreman's and Harbor Workers Compensation Act. Copies of this agreement have been furnished by VRA to all State agencies.

E. President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The VRA Act contains the appropriation authority for support of the activities of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and provides that the Secretary of Labor, Secretary of HEW, and the Chairman of the President's Committee shall cooperate in developing and recommending methods to assure maximum utilization of services in promoting job opportunities and placement for handicapped persons. On the national level all three agencies maintain a continuing close liaison in the development of national plans and the preparation of procedural guidelines and informational materials for use by State and local affiliates. At the State level, State vocational rehabilitation and employment service agencies have written cooperative agreements which include provision for direct involvement of Governors and local committees in the employment of the handicapped.

2. In the area of training: The Division of Training maintains close liaison with similar programs in other Federal Government departments or agencies, for example, those in the Office of Education, the Children's Bureau, the National Institute of Mental Health and other divisions within the Public Health Service, the Department of Justice and the Labor Department. There are no formal agreements but there is a constant exchange of information and frequently joint planning and implementation of a training program. Training programs for personnel have been planned jointly with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and short-term training courses have been cosponsored and jointly financed by the Public Health Service and the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, for example, the National Stroke Conference, a conference on cardiac work evaluation units and an institute on the rehabilitation of the narcotic addict.

3. In research: In cases where another Federal department or agency has common interests with VRA, liaison is maintained and information exchanged between the two agencies. The Research and Demonstration Division, for example, maintains contact with the Office of Manpower, Automation and Training of the Department of Labor, offering consultation on OMAT projects of interest to VRA. Close contact is