8. Laws and regulations

Funds for operation of the research program during the current fiscal year were appropriated under Public Law 89-156, as part of the overall appropriation for the operating budget of the hospital.

PART II. DATA BEARING ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM

9. Economic effects

Advances and improvement made in the understanding and effective treatment of various forms of mental illness directly affect the ability of St. Elizabeths Hospital and other institutions, to treat successfully and return increasing numbers of patients to the community, and to gainful employment.

10. Economic classification of the program expenditures. (See table 2.)

Program: Health and medical research.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; St. Elizabeths Hospital.

Table 2.—Economic classification of program expenditures 1 for fiscal year 1965 [In millions of dollars]

Federal Government: Purchases of goods and services: Wages and salaries_____ Other_____ Total Federal_____

¹ Expenditures here refer to obligations. ² Less than one-tenth of a million.

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. Objectives

The basic objectives of the construction and modernization program at St. Elizabeths Hospital are (1) the replacement of obsolete, worn out buildings with modern structures which are more suited to the purposes and practices of modern medicine, and (2) the improvement and renovation of existing facilities to make them more effective in serving their various purposes.

2. Operation

Construction and modernization at St. Elizabeths Hospital is financed by a direct Federal appropriation for buildings and facilities, under which funds remain available until expended.

3. History

The first of the hospital buildings (a portion of the complex known as center building) was constructed during the period 1855-60. The physical plant expanded steadily, having a particularly active period shortly after the turn of the century, when over a dozen structures were completed during the period 1900-02. At the present time, the hospital has over a hundred buildings, approximately half of which are devoted principally to patient care. The remaining structures are used for maintenance, administration, storage, industrial services, and special services to patients.