

varying local problems and conditions, stimulating new and more imaginative ways of combining complementary Federal resources in the solution of specific problems, and generally improving cooperation and communication among all levels of government, agencies, and institutions in matters related to the purposes of this Act.

"ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

"Sec. 631. (a) There is established an Economic Opportunity Council. The Council shall include the Director who shall be Chairman, the Attorney General, the Secretaries of Defense, the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare, and Housing and Urban Development, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Director of Selective Service. The President, in his discretion, may from time to time revise the membership of the Council to take account of changes in functions or otherwise assure representation on the Council that will best promote the purposes of this part. Each member shall designate an alternative to sit in his stead in the event of his unavoidable absence.

"(b) It shall be the responsibility of the Council to consult with and advise the President and the Director in carrying out their functions, including the coordination of antipoverty efforts by all segments of the government. In doing so, the Council shall—

"(1) advise generally on the coordination of Federal programs related to this Act;

"(2) review and make recommendations, as appropriate, with respect to major policy issues and questions of basic priorities involving the coordination of programs related to this Act;

"(3) initiate, consider, recommend, and, to the extent feasible, arrange for the carrying out of specific actions or projects designed to improve coordination among programs related to this Act; and

"(4) provide general guidance and advice in connection with the operation of the information center provided for in this part and assist the Director in making the center more effective.

"(c) The Council may be provided a staff by the Director. Employees of other executive departments and agencies may be detailed to the Council from time to time for temporary assistance.

"(d) As directed by the President, or from time to time as it deems appropriate, the Council shall report to the President concerning specific actions which it has taken, or proposes to take, in carrying out its responsibilities. To the extent appropriate, a report of the Council's activities shall be reflected in the Director's annual report to the President and the Congress or in a separate report to the President for transmittal to the Congress.

"RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR

"Sec. 632. In addition to his other powers under this Act, and to assist the President in coordinating the antipoverty efforts of all Federal agencies, the Director shall—

"(1) undertake special studies of specific coordination problems at the request of the President or the Council, or on his own initiative; and

"(2) carry on a continuing evaluation of all activities under this Act, and consult with interested agencies and groups, including State agencies described in section 231 of this Act and the National Advisory Council, with a view to identifying coordination problems may warrant consideration by the Council or the President and, to the extent feasible or appropriate, initiate action for overcoming those problems, either through the Office of Economic Opportunity or in conjunction with other Federal, State, or local agencies.

"COOPERATION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES

"Sec. 633. (a) Federal agencies administering programs related to this Act shall—

"(1) cooperate with the Director and with the Council in carrying out their duties and responsibilities; and

"(2) carry out their programs and exercise their functions so as to assist in carrying out the provisions and purposes of this Act, to the fullest extent permitted by other applicable law.