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From a list of 10,858 names supplied by the Job Corps we were to interview 800 individuals.

The sample areas selected took our interviewing staff to 137 different geographic locations across the country. We experimented with various techniques of reaching the respondents (for example, sending them wires or letters asking them to get in touch with us to set up an appointment) but finally settled on what proved to be the most effective: sending our interviewers directly to the address supplied to find the respondent and interview the individual on the spot. For if the respondent is not interviewed at the time of the initial contact, the sample may be biased by the fact that only the more curious or more highly motivated individuals may show up for the interview.

In our sample locations we made or attempted to make approximately 3860 contacts.

Our staff of interviewers was able to complete 1161 full interviews. This represents 11% of the total list of 10,858 dropouts. The breakdown of the 3800 contacts follows:

RESULT OF ATTEMPTED CONTACTS

(Base = 3800)
%

Completed interviews	31
In military service	5
Currently in Job Corps	6
Not at home	23
Does not live at address	32
No such address	3