Individual interagency task groups representing the Defense Medical Materiel Board, the Defense Supply Agency (DSA), PHS Service and Supply Center of the Health Services Administration, the VA and the FDA, were formed to study each aspect in detail. They determined what quality assurance functions are presently being performed by each Federal agency and proposed various alternative approaches for consideration by FDA in developing our final plan.

FDA PROGRESS

The Food and Drug Administration has undertaken several internal activities necessary for the successful implementation of the Government-wide Quality Assurance Program. These include:

-- Establishment of the Medical Products Quality Assurance Staff in the Office of the Associate Commissioner for Compliance. This staff is the coordinating unit between the contracting agencies and the involved FDA program units.

-- Establishment of operational staffs in the appropriate Bureaus and the Office of the Executive Director of Regional Operations.

-- Identification and evaluation of other Government facilities and resources engaged in Medical Products Quality Assurance Programs. These have been identified and are currently being studied to determine what resources and which facilities will be appropriate to transfer to FDA if necessary.