

APPENDIX IV

What is the view of the Interagency Coordinating Committee concerning the probability of being able to raise the necessary funds in the manner proposed?

Answer: Members of the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) have stated that the presently budgeted funds are not adequate to support the integrated research programs of the IBP. They have pointed out that identification of program funds for the IBP in any agency budget requires Bureau of the Budget approval. The ICC has not discussed this problem with the BOB.

Dr. Bennett in his prepared statement of 12 July 1967, commented as follows concerning funds for the IBP:

"As I understand the Subcommittee's intent, it is desired to establish a focus of purpose for the IBP, and in so doing, to seek some assurance that it can be defended without endangering the overall support of the IBP research effort.

"In essence, the problem boils down to an exploration of the ways in which:

"1. Additional funds can be secured to support IBP activities.

"2. The specific purpose of the IBP can be highlighted in agency budgets.

"3. The budgetary identification of IBP funds can best be safeguarded during the authorization and appropriation process.

"Each of these three questions, of course, consists of two parts - one referring to the formulation of the President's budget for submission to Congress - the other to the Congressional actions on that budget.

"As to the second part, that of likely Congressional actions, I am in no position to speculate upon this question. Certainly, the members of this Subcommittee are in a far better position to deal with this matter than am I. I would hope that a Subcommittee