

on this technical subject has long caused confusion among Federal, State, and local agencies. The Council's Hydrology Committee, composed of 10 top hydrologists within the Federal Government assisted by two outside consultants, did an outstanding job in producing this greatly needed report which the Council adopted. Other work of this nature is underway in the technical committees.

Now, I would like to discuss briefly the various functions of the Council, but under the heading of the organizational arrangements that I have set forth.

In performance of work preparatory to exercise by the Council of four of the functions identified by Mr. Holum, the Assistant Director for Planning and Research Adviser and the Planning Committee are now assisted by three WRC professional staff members.

The first function noted was the national assessment, and our work on that has already been explained to you. I would only like to add here that the Council could only afford to allocate one man-year of professional time, in addition to the part-time contribution of the Assistant Director, to this major and important task.

If it were not for the nonreimbursible loan of personnel and technical and editorial assistance, from member agencies, preparation of most chapters in the member agencies and in field groups, in which State personnel also participated, and defrayal of costs for drafting of charts and maps and for printing by the member agencies, publication in the near future of the First National Assessment would not be possible under present fiscal arrangements.

The Council anticipates that research undertaken under auspices other than the Council will provide markedly improved technical methods of preparing national assessments in the future. Also, because our first effort has shown clearly that substantial improvements are needed in the Nation's water use data, the Council has already organized a work group, aided for a short time by two outside consultants, to make a preliminary investigation of this important problem.

In addition to a modest number of permanent WRC professional staff for this function in future years, temporary professional and editorial help funded by the Council, plus funds to hire computer time to make necessary analyses, will be needed during the next period of assessment preparation.

Third function—Establishment of planning principles, standards and procedures: Secretary Holum on behalf of Secretary Udall, already has noted our work in this area today. Approximately one-fourth man-year of professional WRC staff time, in addition to the part-time contribution of the Assistant Director, is now devoted to development of principles, standards and procedures—and this has had to be confined to flood plain planning analysis. Fortunately, as Chairman Udall indicated, the principles, standards and procedures approved by the President on May 15, 1962, as supplemented and amended, are in full force and effect.

Background staff work on the matter of discount rates, which Chairman Udall discussed, is being performed almost entirely by the Council's economics committee.

A very few highly qualified professional staff members could enable the Council to make very worthwhile and substantial progress in the conduct of this function. Work of this type could make a very substantial contribution to improved planning in the field.