

veloping colleges, which is of special importance in the strengthening of colleges now predominantly attended by Negro students. A high percentage of Negro students enrolled in such colleges attend the public colleges and universities represented in the membership of these Associations. The experience with the limited funds available for this program thus far indicates that the yield on the investment is high indeed and merits continuing support.

(H) Computer Facilities and Programs

It has become clear that computational facilities and services are rapidly becoming an educational and research tool as basic to adequate higher education as the library. We agree with the Panel on Computers in Higher Education which last year reported to the President's Science Advisory Committee "both the individual's opportunities and progress and the progress, well-being, and stature of our society can be increased by adequate computing facilities for our colleges and universities." We are gratified at the importance given this matter by the President and the prompt response of the National Science Foundation within the limited resources at its command. It is clear, however, that institutions will not be able to provide adequate budgets for facilities and programs of research and instruction in this area without greatly increased assistance from Federal sources. We therefore urge that existing support programs in this area be continued and strengthened and that they be supplemented through the establishment of a broad program of assistance to all institutions of higher education for the acquisition and maintenance of adequate computer facilities and services to provide the basic educational experiences today required of all young men and women for productive careers, whatever their chosen fields. Legislation for this purpose should be broad enough to permit cooperative arrangements among institutions where it is not feasible to maintain this type of capacity on a single-institution basis.

(I) Establishment of New Federal Degree-Granting Authority and Institutions.

In recent years, many efforts have been made, some successfully, to authorize the