

Declining use of intercity service, the failure of positive public and governmental action, such as has been applied to commuter service, and the growing deficits of once-viable operations has been reinforced by a slackening of carrier promotion and capital investment in many areas.

In order to develop more precise information on existing intercity passenger service and the changes in operations during the past decade, the Commission instituted an analysis which had the following objectives:

- 1 - To measure for regions and specific carriers the levels of regular intercity service provided prior to the enactment of section 13a and today;
- 2 - To summarize those points which have lost all passenger service since 1958, including a review of those areas now receiving only limited service;
- 3 - To determine how much of the service decline from 1958 to 1968 was attributable to discontinuances under section 13a; and
- 4 - To correlate these findings with periodic financial and operational statistics submitted by the carriers.