DESCRIPTION OF AREAS OF
SECURITY MAP NO. 1
CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA
AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS

PREPARATION OF MAP AND PROCEDURE

The Security Grade Map No. 1 of Fresno covers most of the metropolitan area of 26 square miles. The city limits embrace an area of 8-3/4 square miles.

After Junior Field Agent had driven about the city to orient himself as to its directions and general nature, Mr. James T. Tupper, Realtor, and Mr. C. C. Bray, Senior Staff Valuator for the Federal Housing Administration in the Fresno area, were called in to help in preparation of the base map. The nature of the area classifications was carefully explained to each, and each agreed to study the various districts throughout the city and make preliminary gradings. Mr. Joseph Pierce Collins, Field Representative in Charge of the Fresno Office, and Mr. George A. Ferris, Field Representative in the Fresno Office, also heard the explanations and studied the various districts of the city.

Three days later these men met with the Agent in the Fresno Office and laid out the base map. Because of the comparatively small size of Fresno, it was possible to create a rough draft of the whole map at one time. In making the first draft the main business and industrial section was laid out first, and residential areas were worked out in three directions from that beginning.

After the original draft of the map was completed, Mr. Collins and Agent took a full day's drive throughout the city, correlating the various districts, refining area boundaries, and checking with care those areas where, during preparation of the first draft, there had been a difference of opinion. After this refining process the men who aided in creating the original draft checked the areas again, as finally defined. In the course of interviewing officers of various mortgage lending institutions in Fresno the map was further discussed so that it is submitted that the finished map represents a fair consensus of opinion of the men in Fresno who are experienced in appraising and mortgage lending.