REPORT OF A SURVEY OF OAKLAND-BERKELEY (EAST BAY AREA) CALIFORNIA

I. AREA.

A. Description.

1. Definition.

This survey covers the seven following cities located on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay in Alameda County, California:

Alameda
Albany
Berkeley
Emeryville
Oakland
Piedmont
San Leandro

As the corporate limits of these cities contain 91.3% of the 435,000 population and an even larger percent of its taxable wealth, the survey might with reasonable accuracy be said to cover Alameda County.

With the possible addition of a small section of Contra Costa County, this district is popularly known as the "East Bay" area and is usually thought of by unprejudiced observers as being suburban to San Francisco. From an economic standpoint, it is actually more than that, and for the sake of accuracy should be considered as an integral part of the metropolitan area of which San Francisco is the nucleus. So close is the relationship of the East Bay area to San Francisco that it would not be possible to accurately describe or depict it without reference to San Francisco. With the physical link recently supplied by the completion of the San Francisco-East Bay Bridge, it is inevitable that the communal interests of these two areas will be greatly strengthened and their economic identity even more closely merged. Under the circumstances, it is deemed essential that a clear concept of the juxtaposition of the two areas be made available at the beginning of this report. To this end there will be found upon the following page an aerial picture, which, it is hoped, will not only serve the purpose referred to but will show the relative position of the cities under survey to the other cities in this trade area.

As stated in the San Francisco Survey Report, it was felt that, as property in San Francisco and the East Bay cities was so closely related, the grading of residential areas should be done coincidentally and upon a common basis. Conse-