REPORT OF A SURVEY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

I. THE AREA.

A. Description.

1. Definition.

This survey covers the City and County of San Francisco, the borders of which are identical. It is the first of a series of five surveys which, taken together, might be said to cover the San Francisco Bay Region. These surveys which are now under way are of the following cities and contiguous communities:

Berkeley-Oakland
Sacramento
San Francisco
San Jose
Stockton

While not included in the Bay Region, Fresno, California is located in the San Joaquin Valley, and therefore the survey of that city might also be said to be a part of this series. The territory covered by this series of reports is somewhat greater than the San Francisco Metropolitan Area, which consists of the nine counties bordering San Francisco Bay. However, the region constitutes an interdependent economic unit of which San Francisco is the nucleus.

In order that a clear understanding may be had of the geographic relationship existing between these cities, a "bird's eye view" map will be found in the Exhibit Section of this report, and it is suggested that a careful review of this map be made in connection with the reading of this report. The particularly close affiliation between the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco will be observed. In fact, the East Bay cities, which are combined in the Oakland-Berkeley Survey, are, in a sense, suburban communities of San Francisco. This is true to such a degree that residential sections in San Francisco and the East Bay cities are considered as competing residential property, and in grading the areas, it was felt that they should be set up in consonance and that the various grades should be in keeping one with the other. Consequently, the Security Area Map of San Francisco and that of the East Bay cities were constructed concurrently, and it is suggested that these two reports in particular be read in the same manner.