These all, without exception, indicate that the city is well on its way back to normal conditions. Postal receipts for 1936 reached a new all-time peak. Telephone connections were again equal to those of 1929, and the number of marriage licenses issued last year was 6% greater than in 1929.

From the studies made, it seems fair to conclude that San Francisco constitutes a well-balanced economic center which has been conservatively developed along industrial and business lines, and that the existing situation is a sound one showing an encouraging future prospect.

C. Population and Trends.

1. Growth.

As has been stated, San Francisco is the nucleus of a metropolitan area, consisting of the following nine counties which border San Francisco Bay:

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Marin
- Napa
- San Francisco
- San Mateo
- Sacred Anna
- Solano
- Sonoma

The population of this area, according to the U. S. Census of 1930, was 1,676,000. The Research Department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, which maintains a continuous estimate of population based upon well-established indices, placed the population of this metropolitan area in 1937 at 1,800,441, of which 739,746, or over 40%, is estimated to be in San Francisco, the area directly covered by this report.

The following table shows the growth of San Francisco from 1900 to the present time:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Increase from Preceding Period</th>
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<tr>
<td>1900</td>
<td>342,782</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>416,912</td>
<td>74,130</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>506,576</td>
<td>89,674</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>634,394</td>
<td>127,718</td>
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<tr>
<td>1937</td>
<td>739,746</td>
<td>105,352</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Source: U. S. Population Census 1930.

2. Nativity and Color.

On Appendix Page 6-A will be found a racial break-down of the 1930 figures made by the U. S. Census Bureau, showing color and nativity of the city's