I. THE AREA.

A. Description.

1. Definition.

This survey covers the metropolitan district of San Jose, California, which is, roughly, composed of the following five townships of Santa Clara County, namely:

Campbell
Redwood
San Jose
Santa Clara
Saratoga

All of this territory lies within a radius of approximately ten miles from the City of San Jose, and according to the 1930 U. S. Census, contained a population of 106,668 people. The suburban towns of Alviso, Campbell, Los Gatos, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Willow Glen are within these townships. The town of Willow Glen has been annexed to the City of San Jose within the past twelve months.

The rural districts in these five townships are thickly populated, the land being highly improved with small orchards of from five to twenty acres largely devoted to the growing of soft fruits and walnuts.

While the economic survey covers the territory outlined, the Security Area Map accompanying this report is, of necessity, confined to the municipalities of San Jose (including Willow Glen) and Santa Clara, together with the contiguous urban areas lying immediately outside the limits of those cities. The area covered by the map constitutes an uninterrupted and well-integrated community.

2. Location.

San Jose lies in the heart of the Santa Clara Valley, which is formed by the Santa Cruz Mountains on the west and the Coast Range on the east and south. This valley, which is pierced by the San Francisco Bay in its northern reaches, extends southward for sixty miles and has an average width of twenty miles. Both the State Coast Highway and Southern Pacific Railroad branch at this point, one line proceeding to San Francisco, fifty miles to the northward, and the other to Oakland, on the opposite side of San Francisco Bay, forty-two miles north.