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(Interview with Ivan Seibert by Herbert Jasper.)

1. Functions

This Division administers the NDEA Title X grants for improving state education information systems and also produces a series of handbooks designed to produce uniformity in the collection and recording of data at the state level.

2. Problems Encountered

- a. No particular problems in regard to his Division's operations either within the NCES or with the rest of OE, or with other agencies.
- b. Observes that various statistical functions have remained in other bureaus, such as HERD and HHE, and believes that some of these ought to be reassigned to NCES. His criterion would be whether they engage in questionnaire-type surveys like those of NCES. Otherwise, he finds the structure and functions of the Bureaus and Offices to present no problems.

His Division cannot depend on regional staffs for much help as they are constituted. He believes, however, that he could make substantially more use of the field if they had then ^{time} to devote to his problems, and if they could develop the requisite "know-how."

3. New Legislation

Mood hopes to get substantially all statistical information needed in connection with 89-10 as a by-product of data collected for administrative purposes. Seibert is hopeful that Mood is correct, but believes that they will not get as much data in this manner as they require.

4. Recommended Changes

Covered above.

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