

Chapter IX

Administration

Secretary Freeman in his final report to the President, dated January 1969, stressed that the Department's horizons during his administration had been widening "from a focus on the commodities of the fields. . . to take in all of rural America, from field to Main Street."1/

He wrote:

This suggests to me, as I close this report, that the name of this great institution of American government should be changed to the Department of Food, Agriculture, and Rural Development, so that the American people may better understand its role as it moves with them in inventing the American future.

I have no pride of authorship--perhaps a better name will be broached--but until a better suggestion emerges, I close this report with that recommendation.

1/ U. S. Department of Agriculture. Report of the Secretary of Agriculture 1968, pp. 146-147.