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a speedup of these data so that they are available for inclusion in the current quarterly estimates of the national income and product accounts.

4. *Extension of sample surveys to nonmanufacturing.*—Comprehensive current quarterly coverage of nonmanufacturing would be desirable, but trade and construction are probably the two industries on which information is most urgently needed.

5. *Firm versus establishment classification.*—Corporate profit estimates are classified industrially on the basis of the firm. This results in noncomparability with other income shares which are classified on an establishment basis. As a practical matter the distortion is seriously disturbing in the comparison of corporate payrolls and profits in a limited number of industries. Special tabulations now being prepared by the Census Bureau may provide a basis for making selective adjustments, or at least suggest what additional data necessary for this purpose might be made available.

XVIII. INTEREST

1. *Internal Revenue Service benchmarks and speedup.*—The most urgent needs from the standpoint of improving the interest estimates more frequent tabulations for sole proprietorships and partnerships and earlier availability of the Internal Revenue Service tabulations, particularly for corporations. It may be noted that the present plans for the Business Indicator series will not help us because interest items are not included.

2. *Other information.*—The figures on consumer interest could be made significantly more reliable if there were available a representative sample series on interest rates currently being paid. Similar information on residential mortgage interest rates is also needed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has some interest in such series, in connection with the Consumer Price Index index.

APPENDIX F

PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR WORK OF NATIONAL INCOME DIVISION, OFFICE OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TABLE F-1.—*Personnel and expenditures of National Income Division*

Fiscal year	Personnel				Salaries and expenses
	Average number	Year-end	Professional	Clerical	
1951.....	45.0	47	32	15	\$241,440
1952.....	44.0	44	30	14	253,665
1953.....	42.8	45	31	14	243,050
1954.....	36.1	38	26	12	229,000
1955.....	34.0	40	27	13	211,425
1956.....	38.0	37	24	13	237,173
1957 ¹	39.0	35	22	13	242,835

¹ Personnel figures are estimated as of June 30, 1957.