TO: RELIEF DIRECTORS

Re: Instructions Regarding County Rural Rehabilitation Committees

In order to make possible the prompt initiation of rural rehabilitation work, it is necessary that County Rural Rehabilitation Committees be organized immediately in each County.

The County Rural Rehabilitation Committees will consist of the Director of Relief and two farmers not holding or running for elective office and not eligible for relief of any kind.

In counties in the designated drought area we strongly suggest that the present drought relief committee serve as the County Rural Rehabilitation Committee to avoid the appointment of extra committees and to make use of the knowledge which these members already have of the work. Where present drought relief committee members do not meet the above requirements new committee members should be elected. Your County Agricultural Agent should be consulted with reference to the selection of this committee, and the names sent to this office for final approval.

As soon as the County Rural Rehabilitation Committees are organized, all drought relief work will likewise be turned over to this committee to administer. Feed and seed relief in the designated drought area will continue as "drought relief" even though administered by the County Rural Rehabilitation Committee.

Payment of Committee

The Rural Rehabilitation Committees will be paid from Rural Rehabilitation Funds on a per diem basis of $4.00 per day for days actually spent at work. Time spent on rural rehabilitation work will be charged to rural rehabilitation, and time spent on drought relief will be charged to that account. Traveling expenses for actual investigation work will be allowed on the regular state basis and charged to the respective accounts.

Office Expenses

In view of the fact that the counties are no longer being asked to pay the Rural Rehabilitation or Drought Relief Committees, the counties must arrange to pay all office expenses and furnish adequate office space. It is desirable that this office space be in connection with or convenient to the local relief office.

Personnel

The local Director of Relief is authorized upon approval of the Director of Rural Division of the W.E.R.A. to employ necessary clerical help, such clerical help to be paid from rural rehabilitation funds.

Very sincerely yours,

Arlie Mucks, Director
Rural Division