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ESSA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED. In order to begin the integration of the administrative staffs and to carry out the objectives of ESSA, an Office of Administration of ESSA has now been established. Management Order No. 2 has been issued, which prescribes that Office's authority, responsibility, and functions. It supersedes existing directives or portions thereof of the Weather Bureau and the Coast and Geodetic Survey that are in conflict with the new Order.

(Management Order No. 1, which will provide for a system of management directives, is in preparation and will be issued soon.)

The following personnel designations have been made as acting heads of the Office of Administration's divisions and their branches:

Acting Director, Office of Administration	Raymond A. Girard
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C&GS 1967 PLANS FOR OCEANOGRAPHY. Plans for the Coast and Geodetic Survey's 1967 program in oceanography were presented recently before a special panel of the President's Science Advisory Committee meeting at Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Recommendations will be made by the panel to the President's Science Advisor after all Federal plans for oceanography in FY 1967 have been reviewed.

SERVICE PROGRAMS. The supporting staff of the Weather Bureau's Service Programs now located at 24th and M Streets are now scheduled to move to ESSA Headquarters building at the Washington Science Center on the weekend of August 13.

DR. HOLLOMON DISCUSSES OCEANOGRAPHY. On August 5, 1965, Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology, appeared before the Oceanography Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. He was accompanied by Vice Admiral Karo, who also testified during the hearing.

In the course of his opening statement, Dr. Hollomon spoke of the role in oceanography that he envisaged for ESSA:

"I think that there must be increased attention to oceanography within the Executive Branch and that there must be strengthened leadership in those areas of oceanography that are presently not receiving sufficient attention. Oceanography, of course, is not a unitary concept. Speaking very generally, it embraces two broad areas -- the description and prediction of oceanic conditions and the exploitation and utilization of ocean resources. I believe that each of these areas would be enhanced if a single agency were to provide a focus for the activities in that area -- and to provide strong leadership for these activities.

"Where physical oceanography is concerned -- and by physical oceanography I mean the description and prediction of the physical properties of the oceans --, I believe that we should consider whether the program in this area is adequate. A focal agency should be designated for the years ahead as has been done in the case of meteorology.

"This focal agency need have no direct concern with fisheries, with ocean minerals, or with ocean transportation. Its concern would be with the state of the oceans -- with physical oceanography. And to go a step further, its concern would be with physical oceanography for civilian applications. As you know, the Department of the Navy has long had an extensive program in oceanography. It is concerned with the oceans as they affect naval operations and the defense of the Nation. A program of this sort -- which relates uniquely to the national defense -- is properly within the direct control of the defense establishment.

"The task of the agency that serves as a focus for physical oceanography would be to obtain and prepare comprehensive information about the state of the oceans and make this information available to all within the civilian sector who need it and seek it. It would serve our maritime industry and all others who engage in civilian marine operations. It would serve those who are concerned with the pollution of our harbors and estuaries. It would serve those who are concerned with the preservation of the natural beauty of our shore areas and with their use for recreation. And it would serve those who are concerned with the exploitation of the resources of the oceans -- of its fish, its minerals, and its energy -- for example, by exploring the continental shelf.

"I believe that the Executive Branch now has an agency that can provide a strong focus and energetic leadership for Federal activities in civilian physical oceanography. I am referring to the new Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA), which came into legal existence about a month ago."

CRPL OFFICIAL CHAIRS U.S. DELEGATION. Mr. J. W. Herbstreit, Deputy Director of CRPL, was the chairman of the U.S. delegation to a recent combined meeting of five of the international study groups of the International Radio Consultative Committee. The Committee is one of the technical advisory arms of the International Telecommunications Union which among other functions provides for the allocations of radio frequencies on an international basis. The month-long meeting in Geneva was attended by 20 U.S. delegates from government agencies, industry and commerce, including 7 others from CRPL.

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