HOPKINS ORDERS COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF AIRPORT FACILITIES AND PLANS FOR EXPANSION IN COOPERATION WITH CAA

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, today announced that the WPA will cooperate with the Civil Aviation Authority in a comprehensive survey of present airport facilities and future needs. The survey is to be completed by December 1 and will form the basis of a report to Congress.

Plans for the survey were outlined in a letter to all State WPA Administrators from Col. F. C. Harrington, Assistant Administrator and Chief Engineer of WPA. Colonel Harrington wrote:

"The Federal Works Progress Administrator has agreed to cooperate with the Administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the preparation of a comprehensive survey of present airport facilities and the contemplated expansion thereof. This survey will be the basis of a report by the Civil Aeronautics Authority to the Congress of the United States as required by Section 302 (c) of the Civil Aeronautics Authority Act of 1938.

"The collection of data for this report to Congress requires the cooperation of the Works Progress Administration in the necessary field work, and must be completed by December 1, 1938.

"The regional offices of the Works Progress Administration and of the Civil Aeronautics Authority have developed a plan for this undertaking. Your Administration will be approached by representatives of these offices who will outline to you the assistance which you will be expected to furnish. This assistance is to be accomplished without special allocation of funds and by using the services of the present personnel of your state, district and area organizations."

The survey, Colonel Harrington explained, anticipates a continuation of the airport and airway program WPA has conducted for three years, investing approximately $100,000,000 in the development of 622 publicly-owned airports and in airway facilities.