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Appendix A

SOURCES OF DATA IN TEXT TABLES AND CHARTS

Table

- 1 Census data are from Table B1. Payroll data for government employees are from Table B13. Total full-time equivalent employment is from the Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, National Income Supplement, 1951, for 1930-1949, and from Simon Kuznets, National Income and its Composition (National Bureau of Economic Research, 1941), for 1920.
- 2 Tables C1 and C2 and Solomon Fabricant, "Government-Owned Nonmilitary Capital Assets since 1900", Studies in Income and Wealth, Volume Twelve (National Bureau of Economic Research, 1950), with some corrections to take account of new data on education assets.
- 3 Same as Table 2.
- 4 Table 3.
- 5 Tables D1-4, D6.
- 6 For employment, Table B13; for purchases, Table D5 and Survey of Current Business, National Income Supplement, 1951; and for capital assets, Table C2.
- 7 Same as Table 5.
- 8 Table B13.
- 9 Same as Table 2.
- 10 Same as Table 5.
- 11 Same as Table 5.
- 12 Tables B15 (with some rough guesses as to further details for "all other local" employment), C3, and D12.
- 13 Table D12.
- 14 Tables D8-12, with the addition of rough estimates for missing items.
- 15 Figures on the total, national defense, schools, total regular employees, and public emergency workers are from Table B13. The public enterprise figures for 1940 and 1949 are from the *Survey of Current Business*, National Income Supplement, 1951. The 1900 public enterprise figure consists mostly of workers in the Post Office (Table B4) with a very rough estimate for the small number of employees of state and local public enterprises.
- 16 Table D8.
- 17 Employment data are from "Federal Personnel by Types of Work Performed", Monthly Labor Review, June 1941. Dates of establishment of the different agencies are from various issues of the U. S. Government Manual, especially 1948 (see Appendix A of this Manual for dead agencies). We revised the functional classification to follow that in Table B15.
- 18 Table D9.
- 19 Table D11.
- 20 Table D10.

- 21-23 Computed from data in Table E2.
- 24 Computed from equations in Table 23 and data in Table E2.
- 25 The equations used are from Table 23. The 1903 values of urbanization and density are from Table E2; the 1898-1902 real per capita income is from unpublished estimates by Simon Kuznets.
- 26 Computed from data in Table E2.
- 27 Computed from equations in Table 26 and data in Table E2.
- 28 Computed from equations in Table 26 and data in Table E2. 1903 data were converted to 1942 prices by using implicit indexes derived from Tables D2-5. Separate indexes were used for school and non-school data.

Chart

- 1 Tables B1-2 and B13. There are some slight discontinuities in the census data, but they have virtually no effect on the trend.
- 2 Government employment is from Table B13. Total employment is from the Survey of Current Business, National Income Supplement, 1951, and Simon Kuznets, National Income and its Composition (National Bureau of Economic Research, 1941), extrapolated by line (6) of Table B1.
- 3 Table B13 for employment data; Table C2 for data on government capital assets.
- 4 Tables D1-4, D6.
- 5 Tables B6, B9-11, and B13.
- 6 Same as Table 2.
- 7 Same as Chart 4. The large differences between the DC and N.B.E.R. estimates for federal payrolls and other purchases occur because the DC estimates exclude Post Office expenditures.
- 8 Table B3.
- 9 Tables D12 and B15 (with some adjustments as for Table 12).
- 10 Table D7.
- 11 Table B7.
- 12 Table C1 and Solomon Fabricant, "Government-Owned Nonmilitary Capital Assets Since 1900", Studies in Income and Wealth, Volume Twelve, Table 2.
- 13 Table D9. Total expenditures shown do not include enterprises.
- 14 Table D10. Total expenditures include enterprises.
- 15 Table E1.
- 16 Table E2.