

The Act provides that "all Federal agencies shall cooperate fully with the Commission to the end that it may effectively carry out its functions and duties."



Accordingly, on December 4, 1958 it made a request through the Executive Office of the President for the cooperation of nine of the Departments under the direction of members of the Cabinet in supplying certain information. This was needed in connection with its "appraisal of Federal Laws and Policies with respect to equal protection of the laws."

The information sought fell into two general categories:

- (1) Statistics or raw facts (such as census figures) not necessarily related to any "equal protection" policy of the agency, and
- (2) information relating to "equal protection" policies of each department (such as Federal financial aid to schools, hospitals, etc.).