and upon the agricultural economy of any proposed action pending before the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for presentation in the public interest, before said Administrator, other agencies, or before the courts.

- (5) Review economic data and analyses used in speeches by Department personnel and in materials prepared for release through the press, radio and television.
- (6) Cooperate and work with national and international institutions and other persons throughout the world in the performance of agricultural research and extension activities to promote and support the development of a viable and sustainable global agricultural system. Such work may be carried out by:
- (i) Exchanging research materials and results with the institutions or persons;(ii) Engaging in joint or coordinated
- research;
- (iii) Entering into cooperative arrangements with Departments and Ministries of Agriculture in other nations to conduct research, extension; and education activities (limited to arrangements either involving no exchange of funds or involving disbursements by the agency to the institutions of other nations), and then reporting these arrangements to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics;
- (iv) Stationing representatives at such institutions or organizations in foreign countries; or
- (v) Entering into agreements with land-grant colleges and universities, other organizations, institutions, or individuals with comparable goals, and with the concurrence of the Office of International Cooperation and Development, USDA, international organizations (limited to agreements either involving no exchange of funds or involving disbursements by the agency to the cooperator), and then reporting these agreements to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (7 U.S.C. 3291(a)).
- (7) Prepare for transmittal by the Secretary to the President and both Houses of Congress, an analytical report under section 5 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3504) concerning the effect of holdings, acquisitions, and transfers of U.S. agricultural land by foreign persons.
- (8) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061, et seq.), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195, et seq.), concerning

- estimates of supplies of agricultural commodities and evaluation of requirements therefor; food and agricultural aspects of economic stabilization and economic research; and coordination of energy programs.
- (9) Enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements to further research programs in the food and agricultural sciences (7 U.S.C. 3318).
- (10) Enter into cost-reimbursable agreements relating to agricultural research (7 U.S.C. 3319a).
- (11) Provide Department leadership in:
- (i) Analyzing and evaluating existing and proposed energy policies and strategies, including those regarding the allocation of scarce resources;
- (ii) Developing energy policies and strategies, including those regarding the allocation of scarce resources;
- (iii) Reviewing and evaluating Departmental energy and energy-related programs and program progress;
- (iv) Developing agricultural and rural components of national energy policy plans; and
- (v) Preparing reports on energy and energy-related policies and programs required under Acts of Congress and Executive orders, including those involving testimony and reports on legislative proposals.
- (12) Provide Departmental oversight and coordination with respect to resources available for energy and energy-related activities, including funds transferred to USDA from the departments and agencies of the Federal Government pursuant to interagency agreements.
- (13) Represent the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics at conferences, meetings, and other contacts where energy matters are discussed, including liaison with the Department of Energy and other governmental departments and agencies.
- (14) Provide the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics with such assistance as he may request to perform the duties delegated to him concerning energy.
- (b) Reservation. The following authority is reserved to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics: Review all proposed decisions having substantial economic policy implications.

§ 2.68 Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

(a) *Delegations*. Pursuant to §§ 2.21(a)(3) and (a)(8), subject to reservations in § 2.21(b)(2), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for

- Research, Education, and Economics to the Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service:
- (1) Prepare crop and livestock estimates and administer reporting programs, including estimates of production, supply, price, and other aspects of the U.S. agricultural economy, collection of statistics, conduct of enumerative and objective measurement surveys, construction and maintenance of sampling frames, and related activities. Prepare reports of the Agricultural Statistics Board of the Department of Agriculture covering official state and national estimates (7 U.S.C. 411a, 475, 951, and 2204).
- (2) Take such security precautions as are necessary to prevent disclosure of crop or livestock report information prior to the scheduled issuance time approved in advance by the Secretary of Agriculture and take such actions as are necessary to avoid disclosure of confidential data or information supplied by any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association (18 U.S.C. 1902, 1905, and 2072).
- (3) Improve statistics in the Department; maintain liaison with OMB and other Federal agencies for coordination of statistical methods and techniques.
- (4) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061, et seq.), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195, et seq.), concerning coordination of damage assessment; and food and agricultural aspects of agricultural statistics.
- (5) Enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements to further research and statistical reporting programs in the food and agricultural sciences (7 U.S.C. 3318).
- (6) Enter cost-reimbursable agreements relating to agricultural research and statistical reporting (7 U.S.C. 3319a).
- (7) Cooperate and work with national and international institutions and other persons throughout the world in the performance of agricultural research and extension activities to promote and support the development of a viable and sustainable global agricultural system. Such work may be carried out by:
- (i) Exchanging research materials and results with the institutions or persons;
- (ii) Engaging in joint or coordinated research;
- (iii) Entering into cooperative arrangements with Departments and Ministries of Agriculture in other nations to conduct research, extension, and education activities (limited to