total square footage, lot size, type of construction, and similar characteristics?

- 5. What types of utilities are available and typically used in these communities: sewer, water, natural gas, electricity, other?
- 6. Are there any unusual factors that might affect maintenance requirements in your area?
- 7. Looking back six years, describe the changes that significantly affected the housing market (both rental and owner markets).

8. Is there anything else we should know about the housing market in your area? Are there suggestions or recommendations you wish to make concerning our data collection?

Other Types of Information

Occasionally, it is necessary to collect information from colleges, universities, chambers of commerce, trade associations, and other groups on specific subjects relating to the analysis of living costs. For example, a university known to be involved in home energy research may be contacted to determine whether there are consumption data by region or allowance area that could have application in the COLA program.

When such data are collected, the purpose and basic structure of the interview will follow the patterns shown above. The substance, however, will vary with the subject matter.

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