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#### CHAPTER I

#### INTRODUCTION

Important changes have taken place in the study of administration, including educational administration, in the past fourteen years. Since 1950 there has been a noticeable shift from the emphasis upon techniques and mechanics of administration to the conceptual and human relations aspects of administration. There has been increased concern for examining the dynamic factors underlying organizational behavior, the value systems and operational problems involved in decision-making, and for using sociological and psychological concepts and methodologies in studying phenomena related to individual needs and goal-directed group behavior. This report is a description of one investigation that was concerned with the problem of discovering how various groups representing status, training, and levels of specialization in education perceive administrative behavior in interpersonal relationships.

The investigation herein reported was undertaken for a variety of reasons. Included was a recognition that present training programs in school administration utilize simulated materials of various types and kinds — films, written cases, programmed problems, in-basket problems — but that little has been done in a systematic way to discover what types of responses result from the use of such materials. The "Development of Criteria of Success in School Administration" is a notable exception

in this regard. Another motivating factor was the writer's own curiosity concerning the relationship between measurements of role expectations and group psychological needs and the perception of a situation in which these dimensional factors operate with definite results. A third purpose was the desire to develop a general design and perception instrument that might be used in further research on the effects of various modern methods now being employed in the preparation and training of school administrators.

Among the many possible questions to be considered, this investigation was concerned with the following:

- 1. Do school related groups representing various status, training, and specialization levels differ significantly in the role expectations they hold for school administrators?
- 2. To what extent are differences in group role expectations related to the perception of observed administrative behavior?
- 3. Do school related groups differ significantly in psychological needs involved in interpersonal relationships?
- 4. To what extent are psychological needs relative to interpersonal relationships associated with the perception of observed administrative behavior?
- 5. Do school related groups differ significantly in their perception of the occurrence of specific activities involved in interpersonal relationship situations?
- 6. To what extent do the groups differ in evaluating the success and desirability of specific administrative activity involved in interpersonal relationship situations?
- 7. What is the relationship of professional experience to role

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>John K. Hemphill, Daniel E. Griffiths, and Norman Frederiksen,

<u>Administrative Performance and Personality -- A Study of the Principal in a Simulated Elementary School</u> (New York: 1962).

expectations held for school administrators and the perception of administrative behavior?

8. Is there a significant difference between the role expectations men and women hold for school administrators and the perception of observed administrative behavior?

It is best to start any story at the beginning. A necessary and rather natural beginning point is a brief review of some of the major concepts that led to the identification of the problem and the development of the research design.

#### Nature and Context of the Problem

Educational administration is being challenged today by a multitude of complexing internal and external problems. Many of these problems are new, and methods for dealing with them are outside the scope of the experience of many administrators. The responsibility for providing the type of leadership demanded by a complex school system requires a high degree of competence. The emphasis upon attaining desired results through effective educational administration may be illustrated in the words of Gardner Murphy:

We have apparently found that executives of high ability are almost interchangeable parts in the system; it is not knowledge of the task, but interpersonal skill -- and toughness, shrewdness, persuasion, tact, knowing when to use the tweezers, when the sledge hammer -- that produces results.

The responsibility for training persons to occupy positions of leadership in education presents crucial, perplexing problems.

In working with the many persistent educational problems, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Gardner Murphy, <u>Human Potentialities</u> (New York: 1958), pp. 263-64.

administrator must fully realize that effective action is achieved only by working with and through people. The capacity to work with and through people to accomplish the desired results requires broad general knowledge, vision, adaptability, preparedness for change, and clear thinking beyond the confines of education and into the social forces of our time that affect the values, beliefs, attitudes and actions of people. The industrial world has given consideration to the knowledge that both the quality and quantity of production depend upon people working harmoniously and happily together. Various writings and related studies, such as those by Chester Barnard, Elton Mayo, Mary Follett, and F. J. Roethlisberger, indicate the considerations requisite to effective administration.

Human relations in education are more complex than in industry for the "product" is people, not things. Each person involved in the school has his own pattern of individual differences in character, needs, feelings, and desires. The kinds of behavior that exist in a school are determined by the behavior of each individual. These behavioral interactions have an effect on the attainment of educational goals.

<sup>3</sup>Chester I. Barnard, The Functions of the Executive (Cambridge: 1938).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Elton Mayo, <u>The Human Problems of an Industrial Civilization</u> (Boston: 1946).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Mary Parker Follett, <u>Dynamic</u> <u>Administration</u>, ed. H. C. Metcalf and L. Urwick (New York: 1941).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>F. J. Roethlisberger and W. J. Dickson, <u>Management</u> and <u>the Worker</u> (Cambridge: 1939).

School administration has been defined as:

. . . the influencing of one group of human beings, the pupils, to grow toward defined objectives; utilizing a second group of human beings, the teachers, as agents; and operating in a setting of a third group of human beings, the public, variously concerned both with objectives and means to achieve them.

Many school administrators have been content to work with things rather than people, giving greater attention to the efficiency of business practices, planning new schools and classrooms, and providing instructional supplies and equipment. Improved salary schedules, generous sick leave provisions, carefully balanced teaching loads, and new textbook editions are not enough to provide teachers with the eagerness and enthusiasm necessary to produce an effective organizational framework.

The relationship which should prevail between human and technical skills of administrators is given by Chandler:

In effect, the superintendent must be expert in human relations. He can employ persons with technical skills required in the construction of buildings, in budget making, and in school business areas, but no staff member can relieve the superintendent of his human relations function.

An administrator can hardly escape the fact that he is being measured in the image which many people within his milieu hold for him.

## Background of the Problem

Since the year 1950, educational administration has been the subject

Paul R. Mort and Donald H. Ross, <u>Principles of School Administration</u> (New York: 1957), p. 248.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>B. J. Chandler, "Working Relationships," <u>Nation's Schools</u>, Vol. LIII, No. 1 (1954), p. 47.

of extensive and intensive research. Organizations such as the National Conference of Professors of Educational Administration, the Cooperative Program in Educational Administration, and the University Council for Educational Administration have carried out programs of research and analysis supported by substantial grants from the W. K. Kellogg
Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, and others.
A number of social scientists joined in the research concerning school administration and have made contributions of concepts and understandings long requested by school administrators.

The term administrative "behavior" was soon found in the educational administration literature through the influence of the behavioral science research approach in explaining the job performance of the school administrator. Studies of "personality traits" of administrators gave way to the "behavior" approach, observing administrators in an actual situation, describing them in situational terms rather than on the basis of personal qualities. The "critical incident technique", developed by industrial psychologists, has been used effectively to observe behavior involved in the achievement of educational goals. 9

In observing administrators in an actual situation, it became apparent that the "action taken" in the situation must be connected with the "results achieved" in the context of a set of rules, or a theory. A natural step in the development of the "behavioral" approach was the need for developing a set of systematic principles, or a theory,

<sup>9</sup>John E. Corbally, Jr., "The Critical Incident Technique and Educational Research," Educational Research Bulletin, Vol. XXXV, No. 3 (Columbus, Ohio: College of Education, March, 1956), pp. 57-59.

which would be valuable in preparation programs for the student of educational administration as well as a valuable professional contribution.

The challenge of building harmonious human relationships is one of the crucial areas in educational administration. The use of case material is an attempt to test theoretical concepts which have been employed in the training of educational administrators. Griffiths, 10 Sargent and Belisle, 11 Culbertson, 12 and others have published case books. Several films have been based upon these written case materials.

The present study was concerned with the application of a theoretical framework to filmed case material dealing with human relationships involving the school administrator, utilizing the "behavior" approach to the study of administration.

#### Review of the Literature

Administrative behavior does not occur by itself but is always in part a product of the situation in which it occurs. In every educational organization there are certain variables which affect the administrator's role.

Role theory has its basis of development in the concept of cognitive structure of the life space proposed by Lewin<sup>13</sup> in his

<sup>10</sup> Daniel E. Griffiths, <u>Human Relations in School Administration</u> (New York: 1956).

llCyril G. Sargent and Eugene L. Belisle, Educational Administration: Cases and Concepts (Boston: 1955).

<sup>12</sup> Jack A. Culbertson, Paul B. Jacobson, and Theodore L. Reller, Administrative Relationships: A Casebook (Englewood Cliffs: 1960).

<sup>13</sup>Kurt Lewin, Field Theory in Social Sciences (New York: 1951).

Field Theory in Social Sciences. He explained individual behavior as a function of the total situation, partly depending upon the environment or field in which the individual is active and also depending upon his individual needs. Concerning role theory, Sweitzer states:

Broadly conceived, role theory holds that almost every activity of an individual may be viewed as being in conformity with or in opposition to the expectations of his role. These expectations include his own concept of his role and the role expectations of others regarding his behavior. The role is the resulting complex of the varied specific activities made incumbent on a person in a particular position in a social system. This role tends to be defined in terms of the behavior and attitudes which others expect and think appropriate for the role incumbent in the performance of that role. Thus, the role of the individual is defined not by himself alone, but also by the role expectations of others with whom he associates and by his reactions to his perceptions of these role expectations. Thus, role expectations have personal as well as group dimensions.

Guba and Bidwell studied the school as a social institution, constituted as a system of roles. They defined a role:

. . . as the set of complementary behavioral expectations which relate the role incumbent to other individuals in the situation. Within an institution the system of roles should be so organized that the behaviors attached to each role are mutually consistent and are maximally productive of the goals of the enterprise. 15

Their study was based on a theoretical model, designed by Getzels and Guba 16 which considers the behavior of the role occupant in attaining institutional or group goals as well as satisfying his own individual needs.

<sup>14</sup> Robert E. Sweitzer, "The Fulfillment of Role Expectations and Teacher Morale" (unpub. Ph. D. dissertation, University of Chicago, 1957), p. 10.

<sup>15</sup> Egon G. Guba and Charles E. Bidwell, Administrative Relationships (Chicago: 1957), p. 1.

<sup>16</sup>J. W. Getzels and E. G. Guba, "Social Behavior and the Administrative Process," School Review, LXV (1957), pp. 423-441.

The writings of Gross, Mason, and McEachern, <sup>17</sup> Rommetveit, <sup>18</sup> Sarbin, <sup>19</sup> and Parsons, <sup>20</sup> have inspired the formulation of several theories used in the study of administrative roles in school systems. Research growing from theoretical bases range from the utilization of a single theory to investigations, such as conducted by Sweitzer, <sup>21</sup> employing several major theories.

Interpersonal relationships within a school system, a basic concern of this study, are considered within the framework of the concept of administration as a social process presented by Getzels and Guba. The dimensions of this theory find their basis, in part, in the writings of Linton<sup>23</sup> and Parsons and Shils. Regarding the school as a social system, Getzels<sup>25</sup> indicates that social psychology provides

<sup>17</sup> Neal Gross, Ward S. Mason, and Alexander W. McEachern, Explorations in Role Analysis: Studies of the School Superintendency Role (New York: 1958).

<sup>18</sup>R. Rommetveit, Social Norms and Roles (Minneapolis: 1954).

<sup>19</sup>Theodore R. Sarbin, "Role Theory", in Gardner Lindzey (ed.) Handbook of Social Psychology, Vol. I (Cambridge: 1954).

<sup>20</sup> Talcott Parsons, The Social System (Glencoe: 1951).

<sup>21</sup> Robert E. Sweitzer, Role Expectations and Perceptions of School Principals, Cooperative Research Project No. 1329, Research Foundation, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, (In cooperation with the Office of Education, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare), January 1963, pp. 48-53.

<sup>22</sup>Getzels and Guba, pp. 423-441.

<sup>23</sup> Ralph Linton, The Study of Man (New York: 1936).

Talcott Parsons and Edward A. Shils, <u>Toward a General Theory of Action</u> (Cambridge: 1951).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>J. W. Getzels, "A Psycho-Sociological Framework for the Study of Administration", <u>Harvard Educational Review</u>, Vol. XXII (Fall, 1952), pp. 235-246.

a set of relevant concepts, one of the major dimensions being the subordinate and superordinate relationships in the dimensions of the administrative role. Jensen points out:

Generally speaking, the school in its social aspect represents a system of human interaction in which the participants are oriented by their expectations concerning individual rights and obligations. In accordance with these expectations, which are based on the value standards shared by all members of the system, each participant tries to establish and maintain an optimum balance between the possible gratifications and lack of fulfillment of his needs.

Stated another way, the school can be represented as a system of related and interacting groups, each with specifically defined and coordinated tasks contributing to the over-all educational tasks as set by society which establishes and supports it.<sup>20</sup>

Considering administration as a social process within a theoretical framework of a social system has proved to be the source of numerous hypotheses and investigations. Moyer<sup>27</sup> studied the principal's leader—ship role and the teachers' attitude and expectations of leadership. His findings suggest the importance of the role perception of teachers and principals, and the satisfaction and productivity of organization members. Campbell<sup>28</sup> studied the degree of self-role conflict existing among teachers and the relationship between such conflicts and confidence

<sup>26</sup> Gale E. Jensen, "The School as a Social System," Educational Research Bulletin, Vol. XXXII (April, 1954), pp. 38-39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>Donald C. Moyer, "Teacher's Attitudes Toward Leadership as They Relate to Teacher Satisfaction," (unpub. Ph. D. dissertation, University of Chicago, 1954).

Merton V. Campbell, "Self-Role Conflict Among Teacher and Its Relationship to Satisfaction, Effectiveness, and Confidence in Leadership" (unpub. Ph. D. dissertation, University of Chicago, 1958).

in leadership. Shipnuck<sup>29</sup> analyzed hostility exhibited in the behavior of principals as perceived by their teachers. Moser<sup>30</sup> examined the relationships between the behavior of superintendents and principals in the task performances of their complementary roles. Chase<sup>31</sup> explored the relationship between morale and leadership, the situational dynamics, and the variation of the teachers' expectation of leadership.

In dealing with administration as a social process in a social organization, Cornell gave special consideration to the human relations involved. He emphasized the need for administration to be socially perceptive. He described a socially perceptive administrator as one who:

. . . understands the behavior of persons in the organization in their relationships with himself and with one another, including the less tangible, less overt aspects of attitude, feeling and motivation.

What makes the school system an organization is not what is taught and how it is taught (or what is learned and how it is learned), but the interaction of administrators, teachers, and other employees in it in relationship to one another in their cooperative efforts toward a common goal.

School administrators perform their various tasks in an atmosphere

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>Murray E. Shipnuck, "Perceived Hostility in Administrator-Teacher Relationship," <u>Dissertation Abstracts</u> (Stanford University: 1954), Vol. XIV, No. 6, pp. 949-950.

Robert F. Moser, "The Leadership Patterns of School Superintendents and School Principals," Administrator's Notebook, No. 1 (September, 1957).

<sup>31</sup> Francis S. Chase, "Professional Leadership and Teacher Morale," Administrator's Notebook, No. 8 (March, 1953).

<sup>32</sup>Francis G. Cornell, "Socially Perceptive Administration," Phi Delta Kappan, Vol. XXXVI (March, 1955), pp. 219-223.

of relationships in which the conditions are never completely known. Schutz points out:

In every meeting of two or more people two levels of interaction occur. One is the overt — the play that is apparently being played. The other is the covert — like a ballet going on in back of the performance on the interpersonal stage — a subtle struggle for attention and status, for control and influence, and for liking and warmth ..... The importance of the covert factors can hardly be overestimated. The productivity of any particular group is profoundly influenced by them. 33

It is essential that school administrators give sufficient consideration to factors which affect their own behavior and the effect that their behavior has upon those with whom they work. Studies by Halpin, <sup>34</sup> Jenkins and Blackman, <sup>35</sup> and Seeman, <sup>36</sup> give indications that administrators do not see themselves as others see them and that ambiguity and conflict exist in the perception teachers have of their administrator's role.

It is important for the administrator to put into operation such relationships essential to each problem with which he works, realizing that differences in perception exist in the various interpersonal relationships which he encounters. The ability of seeing which relationships exist is sometimes termed an awareness, which is a

<sup>33</sup>William C. Schutz, "Interpersonal Underworld," <u>Harvard Business</u> Review, Vol. XXXVI, No. 4 (July-August, 1958), p. 123.

<sup>34</sup>Andrew W. Halpin, The Leadership Behavior of School Superintendents, SCDS Monograph No. 4 (Columbus, Ohio: The Ohio State University, 1956).

<sup>35</sup> David H. Jenkins and Charles A. Blackman, Antecedents and Effects of Administrator Behavior, SCDS Monograph No. 3 (Columbus, Ohio: The Ohio State University, 1956).

<sup>36</sup>Melvin Seeman, "Role Conflict and Ambivalence in Leadership," American Sociological Review, Vol. XVIII (August, 1953), pp. 373-380.

learned ability to see the many components of a problem situation and to make combinations of those components to provide alternatives for a course of action most appropriate to solve the problem. The importance of the ability to discover and put to work such relationships which are pertinent to a problem situation demanding the involvement of an administrator is well illustrated in an example by Graff and Street, who explain that:

a person will recognize a familiar tune even though it is played in a key in which he has not heard it previously performed. The notes used in playing the tune are entirely different from those he heard when he learned the tune originally. Obviously it is not the notes which he recognizes but the pattern of relationships between the notes. This skill in learning appropriate relationships for a particular situation and the being able to transpose the relationships to a similar situation is the crux of human learning and the sort of objective which must be paramount in any educational program. 37

According to Mackenzie and Corey, differences in perception have the following implications for educational leadership:

- Particularly as it involves relations with others, most behavior can be explained as an attempt to achieve or preserve integrity and maintain or enhance self-esteem.
- 2. Behavior is determined by the individual's perceptions of the total situation and its requirements.
- 3. At the time of action a person does what seems justified by his view of the situation.
- 4. People react differently to the same situation because each person's perception of the situation differs from that of the others.
- 5. Most people feel satisfaction when they realize that their perceptions and consequent behavior are considered correct by other members of the group or groups to which they want to belong.

<sup>370</sup>rin B. Graf and Calvin M. Street, <u>Improving Competence in Educational Administration</u> (New York: 1956), p. 246.

6. Changed perceptions lead to changed behavior.<sup>38</sup>

It is further essential to the administrator to realize that there are perceptions through which we realize the moods, emotions, and motives of other persons, valuable for social understanding in interpersonal relationship.<sup>39</sup>

Mastery of the art of administration is based essentially on the command of the fundamental principles involved in directing human relationships effectively. Cooperation with others and the skills and appreciation involved must characterize educational administration. The old maxim that "leaders are born and not made" appears to be faltering in the face of mounting evidence that the individuals who are rising to positions of leadership are quite diverse in their characteristics. Human relations skills can be learned. However, it is more than a matter of increasing knowledge, but rather involves a change in behavior. If the human relations among school staff members are to be improved, the administrator must learn the significance of his own behavior change relative to this improvement.

A major problem in learning to act more adequately in crucial human relations situations is to provide learning experiences which provide insights and understandings of the problems as they arise in actual administrative situations. The judgments and conduct required

Gordon N. Mackenzie, Stephen M. Corey, et. al., <u>Instructional</u> <u>Leadership</u> (Columbia University: 1954), pp. 49-51.

<sup>39</sup>Howard L. Kingsley and Ralph Garry, The Nature and Conditions of Learning (Englewood Cliffs: 1959), pp. 335-336.

<sup>40</sup> Matthew J. Pillard, "New Insights into Leadership Need Better Application," The Nation's Schools, Vol. LIII, No. 1 (January, 1954).

of an administrator in interpersonal relationships raise a series of questions about the training he needs in addition to knowledge and skills required in the technical aspects of his position. Benne raises these questions:

- 1. How sensitive is the administrator to the complex of interrelated human forces and factors in his working situations?
- 2. How accurate are his perceptions of the actual demands and expectations of the various reference groups and persons that he must take into account in making his practical judgments?
- 3. How able is he to gather relevant and accurate information from observing, talking with, and listening to the people with and through whom he must work?
- 4. How well can he set priorities in step-wise planning for conflict resolution, reconciling factors of urgency and importance in his judgments?
- 5. How flexible is he in adapting his strategy of intervention in the processes of his organization to changing demands and conditions without impairing the integrity of his own value system and role image?
- 6. How aware is he of his own motivations, which, if unknown to him, may cloud his judgments, often deluding himself more than others around him?
- 7. How well can he translate his judgments of what he needs to do into actual behavior consistent with these judgments?
- 8. Do his skills of timing and intervention square with his diagnostic judgments of the changing requirements of his situation?
- 9. Can he hold multiple and conflicting factors, forces, and requirements in mind as he judges, acts, and evaluates the effects of his judgments and actions?<sup>41</sup>

Much of an administrator's activity involves face-to-face relationships with people, for various reasons and under varying circumstances.

<sup>41</sup> Kenneth D. Benne, "Case Methods in Training of Administrators", The Planning of Change, ed. Warren G. Bennis, Kenneth D. Benne and Robert Chin (New York: 1961), pp. 631-632.

In an attempt to capture the conditions of the administrative situation, the case method of instruction has been employed and has proved to be of value in the training of administrators. Concerning the aims of the case method of study, Sargent and Belisle point out:

The aim of these kinds of study and training is to develop behavior, not merely knowledge. It is all too plain, for example, that knowing about the kind of leader behavior that is conducive to group productivity, in the light of social science knowledge, is something different from behaving in terms of such knowledge.

The case method has arisen in response to the feeling that the organization of knowledge, of training, and even of function in administration has previously reflected too greatly an emphasis on learning abstractions and generalizations about aspects of administration.

Culbertson, Jacobson, and Reller 43 state that the strength of the case study method is its capacity for uniting fact and theory in an approach appropriate to the training of administrators. Students typically project themselves with persons in the case bringing about an intense psychological involvement with the situations and stimulating perception of similarities between case situations which proves to be a valuable part of the method.

In the many activities of the school administrator, communication is a vital factor to success in interpersonal relationships. Verbal communication is only a part of what is actually involved. Halpin points out that non-verbal, or "muted" language, is another important media of communication when he states:

The muted language of non-verbal communication is a rich source of cues in determining the course of interpersonal

<sup>42</sup>Sargent and Belisle, p. 8, p. 35.

<sup>43</sup> Culbertson, Jacobson, and Reller, pp. 75-76.

relations ..... In addition to whatever information we may intend to communicate in manifest form, we usually also communicate additional information in muted language. The messages of open language and of muted language may reinforce or contradict each other. In the latter case, the listener must decide which message is the true one.

In oral language the muted notes are added through gesture, timbre and inflections of voice, and word choice. In written language the muted messages are transmitted through word choice and writing style. The executive who believes that he transmits only the literal meaning of what he has spoken or written is operating under a pathetic delusion.

The confidence that employees place in an administrator's utterances, whether oral or written, is determined by what they have learned about him in face-to-face interactions; under these conditions they can judge whether his open language and his muted language are sending out the same message. Whatever suspicions employees may harbor as a result of direct contact with the administrator are translated into skepticism about the good faith in his formal, written communication.

In short, communication is a far more subtle and more complex process than most administrators are wont to admit.  $^{44}$ 

The case method emphasizes the importance of looking at a specific situation as it exists, and planning action in light of the facts of that situation rather than solely in light of rules and principles.

"Situational thinking" is a term applied to this approach. However, written cases lack some of the reality of the situation by being presented as impersonal printed material. To keep the material in manageable proportions, the case writer frequently omits some of the descriptive detail which could be observed at a glance in reality.

In addition, occasionally people read without adequate comprehension. 45

Andrew W. Halpin, "Muted Language", The School Review, Vol. LXVIII (Spring: 1960), pp. 85-104.

<sup>45</sup>Cyril G. Sargent and George E. Flower, "The Case Method in Education for Administration: An Addendum," School and Society, Vol. LXXVIII (August, 1953), pp. 33-35.

To obtain a better understanding of the patterns of administrative behavior, the development of "simulated materials", a part of the "Development of Criteria of Success in School Administration" (DCS), added a new dimension of materials to be used in the instructional programs of school administrators. The "DCS Project" was made possible by a grant from the Cooperative Research Program of the United States Office of Education, sponsored by the University Council for Educational Administration. The use of additional media for instruction, including motion pictures, film strips, tapes and printed materials as well as the addition of new techniques of participation in simulated situations re-created as nearly as possible a standardized situation in which administrative behavior could be expressed. Concerning "simulated materials", Culbertson says:

A student of school administration should acquire a framework which he will use to interpret the social milieu in which he finds himself. Such a framework should be supported by interrelated concepts, which are highly dependent upon scientific findings and theoretical formulations. As contrasted with self-learning which is applicable to one individual, the content of this learning should come from generalizations that have wide application. Simulated materials seem appropriate for developing a framework which may be tested against actual situations. Examining simulated materials often motivates students to seek useful and appropriate concepts.<sup>47</sup>

Concerning the use of a variety of audio-visual methods in teaching, Edgar Dale 48 points out that the history of education is marked

<sup>46</sup> Jack A. Culbertson, "Simulated Situations and Instruction: A Critique", Simulation in Administrative Training, (Columbus, Ohio: University Council for Educational Administration Pamphlet, 1960).

<sup>47</sup> Ibid., p. 41

<sup>48</sup> Edgar Dale, Audio-Visual Methods in Teaching, Rev. Ed. (New York: 1954), pp. 51-62.

by battles against the use of words without understanding. The unique qualities of films are found in their sensory concreteness, realism, their emphasis on persons and personality, and their ability to dramatize, to highlight, and to clarify. Hoban, Finn, and Dale state the following claims for the use of audio-visual materials in teaching situations, based upon research evidence:

- 1. They supply a concrete basis for conceptual thinking and hence reduce meaningless word-responses of students.
- 2. They have a high degree of interest for students.
- 3. They make learning more permanent.
- 4. They offer a reality of experience which stimulates self-activity on the part of pupils.
- 5. They develop a continuity of thought; this is especially true of motion pictures.
- 6. They contribute to growth of meaning and hence to vocabulary development.
- 7. They provide experiences not easily obtained through other materials and contribute to the efficiency, depth and variety of learning.

Under the sponsorship of the University Council for Educational Administration, several sound films have been produced, based on written case materials. This research study has employed one of these films, "The Conference," based on a written case by Sargent and Belisle. 50 This film depicts the role of the principal in a problem situation involving two members of his staff. It affords the viewer the opportunity to experience, as nearly as possible, an actual situation in

<sup>49</sup> Dale, p. 65.

Sargent and Belisle, pp. 197-202.

the school principal's office, with the advantage of the non-verbal communication dimension -- and then to react to the situation portrayed.

Concerning the viewer, Rose states:

Research reveals that the audience, far from being a passive recorder of the stimulus materials on the screen, reacts not only to, but upon the materials presented to them. That is to say, they interpret films according to their psychological pre-dispositions, needs, motivations, and social values. Thus, an audience member is no longer considered to be a passive recipient of what passes before him on the screen, but rather an active interpreter who selects those aspects of a film which are meaningful to him and perceives them in terms of his experience and disposition. It

In the present research study, attention is directed toward the action of the principal in the filmed problem situation. Problem situations which require the action of the school principal meet with varied reactions from the school personnel. These varied reactions may be the result of differences in the perception of the situation by the individuals involved. Role perception studies reported in the literature have been concerned with the perception and evaluation of the administrator's activity by individuals with whom the administrator is actively associated. The present study, however, has provided an opportunity for individuals of varied status, training, and specialization levels to react on the basis of their perception of the problem in the filmed situation. Considering the school as a social system within the framework of the theoretical model of social behavior by Getzels and Guba, <sup>52</sup> an attempt has been made to determine the relationship between specific aspects of the viewer's frame of reference and

<sup>51</sup> Nicholas Rose, "Audience Research," Sixty Years of 16mm Film, 1923-1983, A Symposium, Film Council of America, Inc., (Des Plaines, Illinois, 1954), p. 204.

<sup>52</sup>Getzels and Guba, pp. 423-441.

his perception of the problem situation.

#### Statement of the Problem

The purpose of this research was to determine the extent to which

(1) role expectations held for school principals and (2) personal

need-dispositions of seven selected school groups are related to the

perception of the role of the principal in a problem situation pre
sented by a sound film. The seven selected school groups participating

in this study were: (1) undergraduate college students beginning

teacher training; (2) experienced teachers presently employed;

(3) graduate college students in educational administration; (4)

experienced school administrators presently employed; (5) under
graduate non-teacher training college students; (6) graduate college

students in education; and (7) graduate college students receiving

specialized training at the Oklahoma State University in the Guidance

Institute, sponsored by the National Defense Education Act.

#### Definition of Terms

The following definitions of terms used in this research provide a frame of reference essential to interpretation:

- 1. Role expectations are role-relevant behaviors considered appropriate and desirable of a role incumbent expressed in both Nomothetic and Idiographic dimensions.
- 2. <u>Need-dispositions</u> are basic personality characteristics of the individual role incumbent identified in terms of Expressed and Wanted Inclusion, Control, and Affection.
- 3. <u>Nomothetic</u> is the term referring to the normative dimension of the social system composed of roles and expectations in keeping with the goals of the system.
- 4. Idiographic is the term referring to the personal dimension

of the activity in a social system composed of need-dispositions relevant to the attainment of goals of the system.

### Limitations of the Study

The nature of this study is exploratory and is related to a more elaborate research study conducted by Dr. Robert E. Sweitzer, Director of the Administrative Behavior Research Center at Oklahoma State University, concerning the analyses and learnings derived from varied presentations of case study materials.

Pertinent to the interpretation of the findings are the following assumptions:

- 1. It was assumed that the instruments used in the collection of the personal data gave an adequate indication of the general frame of reference of the respondents concerning their role expectations held for school principals and their personal need-dispositions.
- 2. It was assumed that the structured portions of the instrument designed by the writer, under the guidance and direction of Dr. Robert E. Sweitzer, indicating the perception of the respondents of the film viewed, would parallel with some degree of validity the dimensions of the instruments used to determine the respondents' frame of reference.
- 3. It was assumed that the individual responses to items on each of the instruments used in the collection of the data reflected the true role expectations, need-dispositions, and perception of the problem.
- 4. It was assumed that all classificatory data were reported accurately.
- 5. It was assumed that the individuals of varied educational status, training, and levels of specialization who were respondents in this study differed significantly from each other to permit their classification into seven selected school related groups.

The fluctuant nature of expectations and personal feelings is to be considered in any interpretation of the results of this study.

# Delimitations of the Study

The following delimitations of this research should be given consideration in the data interpretation:

- 1. The sample was made up of one-hundred ninety-six participants representing the seven selected school groups. These seven groups range from thirty-six respondents, in the largest group, to sixteen respondents, in the smallest group. This was due, in part, to the availability of respondents representative of the specific school group.
- 2. Although we have no reason to believe that the respondents do not represent their respective selected school related group, inference from the data in this research should be directed only to the respondents with reservation as to their group representation.
- 3. Of the many factors which could have been identified in the individual's frame of reference which may have affected his perception, only those factors pertinent to the theoretical framework were considered in this study.

The research design and the hypotheses are more clearly understood in their relation to the concepts of the theoretical framework from which they were derived. They are preceded in Chapter II by a description of the specific theories basic to the study. To answer the questions raised within this theoretical framework required the selection of instruments which would provide data in terms of the designated dimensions. A description of the instruments employed completes Chapter II.

The description of the seven selected school related groups who participated in this study along with the procedure employed to collect the data is found in Chapter III. The method of scoring the instruments for purposes of this study, the statistical treatment and analysis of findings are found in Chapter IV, followed by an interpretation of the results and summary in Chapter V.

#### CHAPTER II

#### THEORY, RESEARCH DESIGN, AND HYPOTHESES

#### Introduction

A basic objective of this research was to discover whether school related groups of individuals differed significantly in their perception of administrator behavior in a filmed problem situation, and to what extent the differences were related to the expectations they held for a school administrator and to their basic interpersonal needs. It was essential to consider these questions:

- 1. How may perception be defined in operational terms?
- 2. How may sociological and psychological concepts be utilized in the consideration of interpersonal activity involved in administration?
- 3. What basic interpersonal needs affect human relationships?
- 4. What instruments may be utilized to obtain data relative to expectations and interpersonal needs and their relationship to the perception of a filmed problem situation?

This chapter gives a description of the theories and major concepts that were employed as the basic framework of the study. Some of the important aspects of the theories which were used are described as they relate to the research design. The dimensions of the instruments selected to obtain the data will be better understood in light of the theoretical background.

## The Theory of Perception

Perceiving is an essential part of living, inseparable and necessary in all human activity. The dictionary defines perception as an "awareness of external objects, conditions, relationships, etc., as a result of sensory stimulation." This is hardly an adequate description when attempting to discuss perception in operational terms.

The frame of reference basic to the consideration of perception as applied in this research is the "transactional approach" as described by Ittelson and Cantril. Their description of what takes place in human perception centers upon these major characteristics:

First, the facts of perception always present themselves through concrete individuals dealing with concrete situations. They can be studied only in terms of the transactions in which they can be observed.

Second, within such transactions, perceiving is always done by a particular person from his own unique position in space and time and with his own combination of experiences and needs. Perception always enters into the transaction from the unique "personal behavior center" of the perceiving individual.

Third, within the particular transaction and operating from his own personal behavioral center, each of us, through perceiving, creates for himself his own psychological environment by attributing certain aspects of his experience to an environment which he believes exists independent of the experience. This characteristic of perception we can label "externalization". 54

Studies of perception must begin with actual situations since perceiving never takes place "by itself". Isolation of any act of perceiving from the situation in which it is operative is done at the risk of subject matter distortion.

<sup>53</sup> Carter V. Good, ed., <u>Dictionary of Education</u> (New York: 1945), p. 291.

<sup>54</sup>William H. Ittelson and Hadley Cantril, <u>Perception</u> (New York: 1954), pp. 1 - 5.

Neither a perception nor an object-as-perceived exists independent of the total life situation of which both perception and object are a part. It is meaningless to speak of either as existing apart from the situation in which it is encountered. The word "transaction" is used to label such a situation. 55

By way of illustration, the batter in a baseball game cannot be fully described without considering his relationship to the pitcher, catcher, fielders, team-mates, officials, fans, and the rules of the game. He is a part of a complex transaction and simply does not exist anywhere else independent of that transaction.

Just as no part of a transaction can be isolated from its components, the complete transaction cannot exist in its own right since the perceiver enters into it as a participant. Each participant observes and acts from his own "personal behavior center", his own unique position, which provides him with his own unique world of experience. Social activity is made possible to the extent that an overlap of positions, interests, and purposes brings about common perceptions and common experiences.

Although the things we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell are experienced as existing outside of ourselves and as having of themselves the characteristics we observe, it is also evident that perception is part of the experience of the individual. The act of perceiving involves attributing certain parts of our experience to events external to ourselves in whose independent existence we firmly believe, thus creating for ourselves our own world of things and people, of sights, sounds, tastes, and touches. This is the concept of "externalization", which describes what man does when he perceives, but does not explain how it happens. Thus,

<sup>55</sup> Ibid., p. 3.

each situation will be perceived differently by each individual; he assumes to be real what he perceives. Ittelson and Cantril state:

The three major characteristics of perception can be summarized by saying that perceiving is that part of the process of living by which each one of us, from his own particular point of view, creates for himself the world within which he has his life's experiences and through which he strives to gain his satisfaction. 50

An important consideration is the relationship between perception and personality. Griffiths<sup>57</sup> points out the problem of selectivity in perception. Different people select from the environment certain things to perceive and certain other things to ignore, and this is of primary concern in school administration. It has an effect on what the administrator perceives concerning others and what others perceive concerning the administrator.

The present study was directed toward the problem of discovering what others perceived concerning the principal in the filmed problem situation. This transactional concept of perception was one of the major elements defining and guiding this investigation.

# The Getzels-Guba Theory

The "Nomothetic-Idiographic theory" developed by Getzels and Guba, <sup>58</sup> provides a theoretical model applicable to the consideration of administration as a social process described in sociological and psychological terms. The model was constructed with three specific

<sup>56</sup> Ibid., p. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup>Griffiths, pp. 65-68.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup>Getzels and Guba, pp. 423-441.

#### criteria in mind:

- The model must provide a set of integrated concepts and relations capable not only of answering questions already asked in administration but of posing questions that still need to be asked;
- 2. The concepts and relations must be operational in that they not only give direction to our understanding but simultaneously provide blueprints for investigation;
- 3. The model must be able to handle as many of the commonplaces or familiar issues in administration as possible within a single set of concepts and regulations. 59

The term "social system" used to consider interpersonal or social behavior is conceptual rather than descriptive. A community, a school, or a class within a school may be considered as a social system within the model dimensions. The social system is conceived as involved in two classes of phenomena which are conceptually independent and phenomenally interactive. One may be considered a "sociological" level of analysis and the other a "psychological" level of analysis. Getzels states:

There are first the institutions with certain roles and expectations that will fulfill the goals of the system. And there are second the individuals with certain personalities and need-dispositions inhabiting the system, whose observed interactions comprise what we generally call social behavior. We shall assert that this social behavior may be understood as a function of these major elements: institution, role, and expectations, which together constitute what we shall call Nomothetic or normative dimensions of activity in a social system; and individual, personality, and need-dispositions, which together constitute the Idiographic or personal dimension of activity in a social system.

<sup>59</sup>J. W. Getzels, "Administration - A Social Process," Administrative Theory in Education, ed. A. W. Halpin (Chicago: Midwest Administration Center, 1958), pp. 150-165.

<sup>60</sup> Ibid., p. 152.

The Nomothetic, or normative dimension of activity, composed of the elements of institution, role, and expectation, is directed toward a sociological analysis of group behavior. The Idiographic, or personal dimension of activity, composed of the elements of individual, personality, and need-dispositions, is directed toward a psychological analysis of group behavior.

An institution is considered to be an agency established to perform a necessary function in society in a cooperative, organized, and routinized manner. These agencies perform institutionalized functions for a society such as governing, policing, protecting, and educating. This requires organization to accomplish a specific purpose. Organization implies component parts and rules to guide coordinated activity directed toward achieving institutional goals and purposes. Tasks to be performed in achieving institutional goals may be functionally organized as roles, which are assigned resources and responsibility for their utilization in goal attainment.

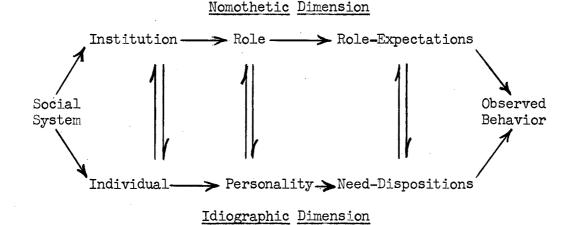
Roles represent positions, offices, or statuses in the institution. The rights and duties characteristic of a role are role expectations. The individual who puts these rights and duties into effect is acting his role. Institutional roles are interdependent, each deriving its meaning from related roles. Thus, the role of a school principal can be defined only in terms of the relationship to all school personnel.

However, roles are occupied by people, each endowed with unique personal qualities, abilities, and interests which may not be completely harmonious with the role expectations of the institution. Individual personality is defined as ... "the dynamic organization within the individual of those need-dispositions that govern his unique reactions

to the environment."61 The need-dispositions of the role incumbent govern his unique reactions to role expectations and environment and influence his actions to meet the pattern of expectations for his behavior in a manner consistent with his own pattern of needs.

A necessary condition for understanding the behavior of a specific role incumbent in an institution is to have an understanding of both role expectations and need-dispositions. Both needs and expectations may be considered prescriptions or motives of behavior from which social behavior is derived. FIGURE I illustrates the theoretical model.

FIGURE I
THE GENERAL MODEL OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOR



The axis at the top, called the Nomothetic dimension, consists of the terms Institution, Role, and Role-Expectations, each term being the analytic unit for the term which precedes it. The axis at the bottom, called the Idiographic dimension, consists of the terms Individual, Personality, and Need-Dispositions, each term again being the analytic unit for the term preceding it. Interactions between the two dimensions occur at all levels as indicated by the reversible arrows.

<sup>61</sup> Ibid., p. 154.

The proportions of role and personality factors which determine behavior vary with the specific role, the specific personality, and the specific act. When expectations are maximized, behavior still retains some of its individual, personal aspects. Conversely, when personality is maximized, behavior still must retain role expectation elements. It is possible to discover the extent to which a role incumbent considers and emphasizes role expectations and need-dispositions. His behavior may be described along a continuum ranging from primary emphasis on Nomothetic or role-relevant performance to primary emphasis on Idiographic, or personality-relevant performance.

A basic concern in the present study was to determine the extent to which the seven school related groups held different expectations for a school principal in terms of the Nomothetic and Idiographic dimensions and the relationship of these expectations to the perception of a principal in the filmed problem situation in terms of the same dimensions.

### The FIRO Theory

The FIRO (Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation) theory of William C. Schutz<sup>62</sup> is concerned with the identification of basic interpersonal needs which affect human relationships. The basic assumption of this theory is that people need people. Because man lives in a social environment, he must maintain an equilibrium between himself and other people, as he does between himself and the physical world. Because man is a social being, he has certain interpersonal needs to be satisfied which vary from individual to individual.

<sup>62</sup>William C. Schutz, FIRO: A Three-Dimensional Theory of Interpersonal Behavior (New York: 1958).

Three basic interpersonal needs are identified in Schutz' theory which people must satisfy to some degree while avoiding threat to themselves. They are:

- 1. The need for inclusion -- the need to maintain a satisfactory relation between the self and other people with respect to interaction or belongingness. Some people like to be with other people all the time; they want to belong to organizations, to interact, to mingle. Other people seek much less contact; they prefer to be alone, to interact minimally, to stay out of groups, to maintain privacy.
- 2. The need for control -- the need to maintain a satis-factory relation between oneself and other people with regard to power and influence so the individual can control his situation to some degree in order that his environment can be predictable for him. This need varies from wanting to control the entire environment and all the people around him to not wanting to control anyone in any situation, regardless of how appropriate controlling them would be.
- 3. The need for affection -- the need to maintain a satisfactory relation between oneself and others with regard to love and affection. At one extreme individuals like very close, personal relationships with each individual they meet, while at the other extreme are those who like their personal relationships to be quite impersonal and distant, perhaps friendly but not close and intimate. Between these two extremes, everyone has a level of intimacy most comfortable for him. 63

Each of these three interpersonal needs has two dimensions. One is what an individual does with relation to other people, what he initiates toward others — his expressed behavior; and the other is what the individual wants from other people, what he prefers others to initiate toward him — his wanted behavior. Thus the theory concerned shows basic relationship between six variables: (1) Expressed Inclusion, (2) Wanted Inclusion, (3) Expressed Control, (4) Wanted Control, (5) Expressed Affection, and (6) Wanted Affection.

In order to understand individual and organization behavior,

<sup>63</sup>Schutz, <u>Harvard Business</u> Review, pp. 123-135.

the Getzels-Guba theory points out the importance of information concerning need-dispositions as they relate to role expectations. An objective of the present study was to determine the personal need-dispositions of the members of the seven school related groups as they related to the perception of the principal in the filmed problem situation in terms of the same dimensions.

## Design of the Study

The research design for the present study, shown in FIGURE II, was based on the concepts of the three theories discussed as they pertain to the problem for investigation. The basic theory was the Nomothetic-Idiographic theory of Getzels and Guba with need-dispositions considered from the viewpoint of the FIRO theory by Schutz, and the perception viewed from the transactional approach described by Ittelson and Cantril. The identification of relationship between role expectations and need-dispositions of the seven school related groups and the perception of the role of the principal in the filmed problem situation in terms of the same dimensions was a major concern of this research.

The following selected school related groups, described in Chapter III, were established as the <u>major independent variables</u> in the research design:

- I. Undergraduate college students beginning teacher training;
- II. Experienced teachers presently employed;
- III. Graduate college students in educational administration;

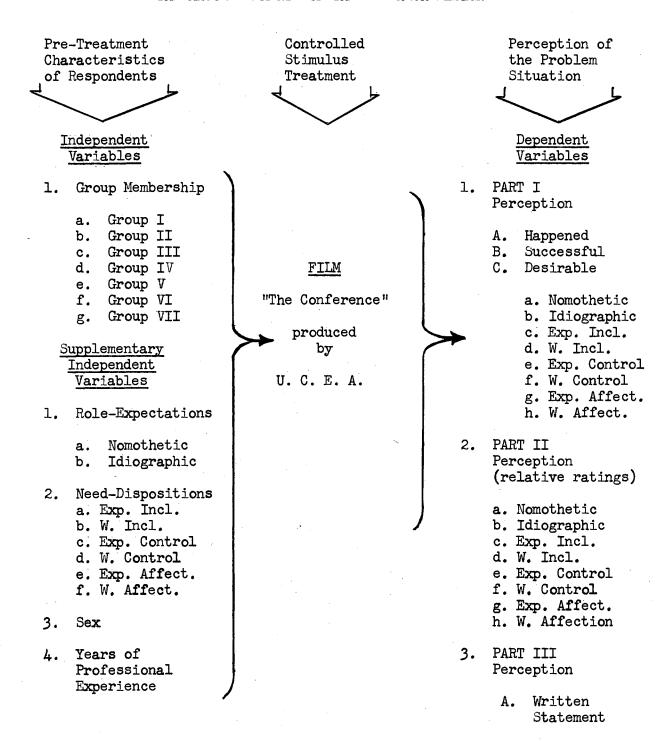
<sup>64</sup> Getzels and Guba, pp. 423-441.

<sup>65</sup> Schutz, Harvard Business Review, pp. 123-135.

<sup>66</sup> Ittelson and Cantril, pp. 1 - 5.

FIGURE II

THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE RESEARCH DESIGN



- IV. Experienced school administrators presently employed;
- V. Undergraduate non-teacher training college students;
- VI. Graduate college students in education;
- VII. Graduate college students in the Guidance Institute.

  These groups will be designated in this study by their abbreviated titles appearing in Chapter III.

The supplementary independent variables in the research design were the role expectations held for school principals, obtained through the use of the Principal Role Behavior-Content Instrument, developed by Dr. Robert E. Sweitzer and the members of the research staff at the Administrative Behavior Research Center, Oklahoma State University. 67 This instrument, described later in this chapter, provided role expectations in terms of (1) the Nomothetic dimension and (2) the Idiographic dimension, basic to the theoretical model employed in the research design. Need-dispositions were obtained through the use of Schutz! FIRO-B (Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation-Behavior) Instrument 68 described later in this chapter. These variables are given in terms of (1) Expressed Inclusion, (2) Wanted Inclusion, (3) Expressed Control, (4) Wanted Control, (5) Expressed Affection, and (6) Wanted Affection. Additional supplementary independent variables in this research were sex and years of professional experience.

Data concerning the <u>dependent variables</u> were obtained through the use of the <u>Perception Instrument</u>, developed by the writer under the

<sup>67</sup> Sweitzer, Role Expectations and Perceptions of School Principals, pp. 48-54.

<sup>68</sup>William C. Schutz, et. al., <u>Procedures for Identifying Persons with Potential for Public School Administrative Positions</u>, Cooperative Research Project No. 677 (Berkley, California: University of California, 1961).

guidance and direction of Dr. Robert E. Sweitzer. This instrument, described later in this chapter, was developed so as to include dimensions comparable to those included in the instruments measuring the independent variables of role expectations and need-dispositions, using subscores expressed as Nomothetic, Idiographic, Expressed Inclusion, Wanted Inclusion, Expressed Control, Wanted Control, Expressed Affection, and Wanted Affection. These subscores were obtained from responses concerning the perception of the occurrence, success and desirability of specific statements related to the filmed problem situation. A second part of the instrument obtained dimensional subscores as relative ratings, while a third part obtained a written statement concerning the perception of the respondent.

## Hypotheses

The hypotheses of this study concern the investigation of specific relationships between specific sets of the variables previously described. These hypotheses concern the relationships between the independent variables, between the dependent variables, and between independent and dependent variables. The hypotheses tested in this research were:

- 1. There is no difference between the major independent variables (the school related groups) regarding:
  - A. Ideal concepts of the role of a principal in terms of:
    - a. The Nomothetic dimension
    - b. The Idiographic dimension
  - B. Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation-Behavior identified in terms of:
    - a. Expressed Inclusion
    - b. Wanted Inclusion

- c. Expressed Control
- d. Wanted Control
- e. Expressed Affection
- f. Wanted Affection
- C. Perception of each dimension of the problem situation in terms of:
  - a. Happened or Didn't Happen
  - b. Successful or Not Successful
  - c. Desirable or Not Desirable
- 2. There is no difference between the major independent variables in terms of high and low scores on role expectation and need-disposition dimensions regarding:
  - A. Perception of each dimension of the problem situation in terms of:
    - a. Happened or Didn't Happen
    - b. Happened and Successful or Not Successful
    - c. Didn't Happen and Would Have Been Successful or Would Not Have Been Successful
    - d. Happened and Desirable or Not Desirable
    - e. Didn't Happen and Would Have Been Desirable or Would Not Have Been Desirable.
- 3. There is no difference between male and female responses in the three representative independent variables (Groups I, II, and VI) regarding:
  - A. Ideal concepts of the role of a principal in terms of:
    - a. The Nomothetic dimension
    - b. The Idiographic dimension
  - B. Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation-Behavior identified in terms of:
    - a. Expressed Inclusion
    - b. Wanted Inclusion
    - c. Expressed Control
    - d. Wanted Control
    - e. Expressed Affection
    - f. Wanted Affection
  - C. Perception of each dimension of the problem situation in terms of:
    - a. Happened or Didn't Happen
    - b. Successful or Not Successful
    - c. Desirable or Not Desirable

- D. Perception of each dimension of the problem situation in terms of high and low scores on role expectations and need-dispositions regarding:
  - a. Happened or Didn't Happen
  - b. Happened and Successful or Not Successful
  - c. Didn't Happen and Would Have Been Successful or Would Not Have Been Successful
  - d. Happened and Desirable or Not Desirable
  - e. Didn't Happen and Would Have Been Desirable or Would Not Have Been Desirable.
- 4. There is no difference between respondents of high and low professional experience in the five representative independent variables (Groups II, III, IV, VI, and VII) in their responses regarding:
  - A. Ideal concepts of the role of a principal in terms of:
    - a. The Nomothetic dimension
    - b. The Idiographic dimension
  - B. Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation-Behavior identified in terms of:
    - a. Expressed Inclusion
    - b. Wanted Inclusion
    - c. Expressed Control
    - d. Wanted Control
    - e. Expressed Affection
    - f. Wanted Affection
  - C. Perception of each dimension of the problem situation in terms of:
    - a. Happened or Didn't Happen
    - b. Successful or Not Successful
    - c. Desirable or Not Desirable
  - D. Perception of each dimension of the problem situation in terms of high and low scores on role expectations and need-dispositions regarding:
    - a. Happened or Didn't Happen
    - b. Happened and Successful or Not Successful
    - c. Didn't Happen and Would Have Been Successful or Would Not Have Been Successful
    - d. Happened and Desirable or Not Desirable
    - e. Didn't Happen and Would Have Been Desirable or Would Not Have Been Desirable.

#### The Instrumentation

The instrument used in this research to determine the role expectations held for a school principal by the respondent was the <u>Principal Role Behavior-Content Instrument</u> as seen in APPENDIX A. The role dimensions of this instrument are the Nomothetic and Idiographic dimensions suggested by the theoretical model of Getzels and Guba. 70

The administrative task areas about which questions are asked through Nomothetic and Idiographic items are those which were used in the Development of Criteria of Success in School Administration (DCS) Project, namely, Educational Program, Developing Personnel, Community Relationships, and Maintaining Funds and Facilities. 71 In addition, within each of these task areas, specific Nomothetic and Idiographic items are structured in terms of the following steps in the decision-making process: identifying a problem, making a decision, implementing a decision, and evaluating the outcomes of a decision. Thus, the instrument provides two replications within each task area in terms of each selected step in decision making; within each of the Nomothetic and Idiographic dimensions, four replications in terms of each task area and four replications in terms of each step in decision-making.

A matrix was constructed for the dimensions of this instrument and a number of items were developed for each block of the matrix. Members

<sup>69</sup>Sweitzer, Role Expectations and Perceptions of School Principals, pp. 48-54.

<sup>70</sup> Getzels and Guba, pp. 423-441.

<sup>71</sup> Hemphill, p. 47.

of the research staff<sup>72</sup> and Egon Guba, who acted as a visiting consultant to the staff, reacted to these items and evaluated them in terms of the definition and in terms of clarity of expression. As a result, a 64-item pilot instrument was tested and the results analyzed to determine which test items best met established evaluative criteria. In this manner, one test item was identified for each block of the matrix, resulting in the thirty-two items which comprise the <u>Principal Role Behavior-Content Instrument</u>.

Although this instrument provided greater detail concerning the frame of reference of the respondents regarding role expectations, for purposes of the present study it was used to determine the extent to which respondents held Nomothetic and Idiographic expectations relative to each other respondent and the relationship of these expectations to perception.

The instrument used to determine the need-dispositions of the respondents was the <u>FIRO-B</u> (Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation - Behavior) <u>Instrument.</u> 73 This instrument may be seen in APPENDIX B. The <u>FIRO-B</u> is composed of 54 Guttman-scaled items. There are nine items for each of the six dimensions: (1) Expressed Inclusion, (2) Wanted Inclusion, (3) Expressed Control, (4) Wanted Control, (5) Expressed Affection, and (6) Wanted Affection. Descriptions of these dimensions appear earlier in this chapter.

For purposes of the present study, the  $\underline{FIRO}-\underline{B}$  scores were used to

<sup>72</sup>Sweitzer, Role Expectations and Perceptions of School Principals, pp. 48-54.

<sup>73</sup> Schutz, et. al.

determine the extent to which need-dispositions varied among respondents representing school related groups and their relationship to perception.

Because there was no instrument available to measure the perception of the filmed problem situation, "The Conference," a <u>Perception</u>

<u>Instrument</u>, as seen in APPENDIX C, was developed by the writer under the guidance and direction of Dr. Robert E. Sweitzer. Concerning the design of an instrument, Egon G. Guba states:

The unsophisticated person engaged in research usually feels compelled to use a standardized test. Such a test is simply one that has been given to somebody. Indeed, the only real utility of a standardized test is to provide a ready-made comparison group (the norm). But if the test is operationally inadequate for the purpose or if the comparison (norm) group is inappropriate, using a standardized test just because it is standardized is an egregious error.

Among the uninitiated, the use of "objective" measures is of great concern. Interviews, observations, and essay tests are often eschewed because they cannot be "objectified." Yet an objective device is simply one that can be interpreted consistently by competent observers. I am afraid that in the public mind objectivity has been confused with structure: the highly structured multiple-choice test is said to be objective while the highly unstructured Rorschach ink-blot test is not objective. But to a competent reader, a Rorschach protocol is just as objective as any multiple-choice test. Certainly the development of relevant, objective, valid, and reliable instruments is within the capability of local school personnel.

Part I of the <u>Perception Instrument</u> requests respondents to react to five statements for each of the eight dimensional categories —

Nomothetic, Idiographic, Expressed Inclusion, Wanted Inclusion,

Expressed Control, Wanted Control, Expressed Affection, Wanted

Affection — in terms of whether the statement is descriptive of what

<sup>74</sup>Egon G. Guba, Educational Research Bulletin (College of Education, Ohio State University), Vol XL, No. 6, Sept. 13, 1961, p. 160.

they perceive to "happen" or "not to happen" in the filmed situation, whether they perceive what happened as "successful" or "not successful," "desirable" or "not desirable." If the respondents indicate that the given statement is perceived as describing something which "did not happen," they are to react in terms of whether they perceive the statement as descriptive of what "would have been successful" or "not successful," "would have been desirable" or "not desirable." Thus, the respondent gives three reactions to each of forty statements.

In developing the five statements for each of the dimensional categories, the writer attempted to relate one dimensional statement to each of five administrative task areas related to the principal's activity in the filmed problem situation. After reviewing the literature and previewing the film with this objective, the task areas selected for the basis of the statements pertaining to the principal's role were (1) Problem Solving, (2) Educational Program, (3) Communications, (4) Morale, and (5) Evaluation. In the interest of maintaining the dimensional characteristic within the administrative task area, each statement was carefully analyzed, revised, and restated to strengthen its desired dimensional characteristic.

For the purpose of determining whether each of the forty statements was representative of the intended dimensional category in terms of definition and clarity of expression, each statement was placed on a separate card and given to professors and graduate students in educational administration at Oklahoma State University with the instruction to place five statement cards with each of the eight designated dimensions. Through this sorting technique it was possible to make such

revisions of the statements until the cards were sorted into dimensional categories by six individuals without an error.

Following this "face validity" test, a pilot study was made with a group of undergraduate college students to determine the clarity and functional operation of the instrument. Part I forms the basic unit of the Perception Instrument.

Part II of the instrument requests respondents to indicate what the principal should have done in the filmed problem situation. Each of the five statements in this part is provided with eight multiple—choice selections representing the eight dimensional categories. For each of the five statements, respondents select two statement endings with which they "most agree," and two statement endings with which they "least agree."

Part III of this instrument requests respondents to indicate, in their own words, a brief summary of the problem situation presented in the film, "The Conference," explaining their perception of the problem situation. This part was added to give additional insight into the perception of respondents, and to check the validity of the structured alternative responses as appropriate for obtaining an accurate description of the variety of ways in which subjects actually perceived the stimulus situation.

The following chapters describe in more specific detail how the research design was implemented through the use of these instruments.

### CHAPTER III

#### PERSONNEL AND PROCEDURE

#### Introduction

One of the problems in this study was to select participants who could be classified into seven school related groups of various status, training and specialization levels. A representative sample of one hundred ninety-six participants, one hundred thirty-seven men and fifty-nine women, was selected from undergraduate and graduate classes of students attending the Oklahoma State University and the teachers of one school in an urban community. The classes were selected for participation in this research on the bases of group representation, availability, and willingness to participate. Students from eight different classes participated, and were classified into seven school related groups described in this chapter. TABLE I shows the number of men and women participants for each group and the percentage of each group of the total number of participants. The participant groups, as numbered, are described in this chapter along with the procedure employed in obtaining the data.

### Description of Groups

## Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I)

Undergraduate college students beginning teacher training were the

members of two sections of Education 213, "The School in American Society." This introductory education course is designed to develop an understanding of the scope, function, and organization of education in our state and society. The prerequisite for this course is sophomore standing. This group was composed of seven men and twenty-three women.

TABLE I

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF GROUP PARTICIPANTS

Groups	Men	Women	Total	Percent of Total Participants
Group I	7 .	23	30	15.3%
Group II	12	21	33	16.8%
Group III	20	1	21	10.7%
Group IV	15	1	16	8.2%
Group V	35	1	36	18.4%
Group VI	19	11	30	15.3%
Group VII	29	1	30	15.3%
Total	137	59	196	100.0%

## Teachers (Group II)

Experienced teachers presently employed were in attendance in one of the following late afternoon or Saturday classes: Education 553, "Introduction to Graduate Study and Research in Education," and Education 613, "Curriculum and Methods in Higher Education." With the permission of the principal, teachers of one school in an urban school system were

asked to participate in the research on a voluntary basis. This group was composed of twelve men and twenty-one women.

# Educational Administration Graduates (Group III)

Graduate college students in educational administration were in attendance in one of the following classes: Education 553, "Introduction to Graduate Study and Research in Education," Education 603, "Organization and Administration in Higher Education," Education 613, "Curriculum and Methods in Higher Education," and Education 643, "Organization and Administration in Education." In several instances, graduate students in this group were asked to participate in the research at the time of the administration of the instruments and the showing of the film although not enrolled in one of the aforementioned classes. This group was composed of twenty men and one woman.

# School Administrators (Group IV)

Experienced school administrators presently employed were in attendance in one of the following classes: Education 553, "Introduction to Graduate Study and Research in Education," Education 603, "Organization and Administration in Higher Education," Education 613, "Curriculum and Methods in Higher Education," and Education 643, "Organization and Administration in Education." The administrator of the urban school system was also included in this group of fifteen men and one woman.

### Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V)

Undergraduate non-teacher training college students were in attendance in one of the following classes: Tech. 272, "Motion and Time Study," and Math. 225, "Analytic Geometry and Calculus." This

group of sophomore students consisted of thirty-five men and one woman.

## Education Graduates (Group VI)

Graduate college students in education were in attendance in one of the following courses: Education 553, "Introduction to Graduate Study and Research in Education," Education 603, "Organization and Administration in Higher Education," Education 613, "Curriculum and Methods in Higher Education," and Education 643, "Organization and Administration in Education." This group was composed of nineteen men and eleven women.

## Guidance Graduates (Group VII)

Graduate college students in the Guidance Institute represent individuals at various experience levels who are receiving specialized training in education. All members of the Institute, sponsored by the NDEA, participated in this research. This group was composed of twenty-nine men and one woman.

Because the number of women respondents within four groups was small, the supplementary independent variable of sex was considered in only three of the seven groups -- Groups I, II, and VI. The supplementary independent variable of experience was not considered for the two groups of undergraduate college students -- Groups I and V.

#### Collection of Data

Data collected from each respondent consisted of responses to the following instruments:

1. <u>Background Information</u>: an account concerning the selected school group membership, sex, and years of professional experience.

- 2. Principal Role Behavior-Content Instrument: provided information concerning role expectations in terms of Nomothetic and Idiographic dimensions.
- 3. Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation-Behavior Instrument: provided information concerning need-dispositions in terms of Expressed and Wanted Inclusion, Control, and Affection.
- 4. Perception Instrument: provided information concerning reaction to statements concerning the occurrence, success, and desirability of events relative to the filmed problem situation, what the principal should have done under the circumstances, and what was perceived as stated in the respondents' own words.

All responses were gathered personally by the writer. Appointments and arrangements were made with the instructors of each class and with the principal of the participating school. The dates and the time schedule involved were arranged by mutual consent.

Packets of materials were provided for each respondent. In cases where sufficient time was available, the entire packet of responses was obtained from each respondent in two consecutive periods. During the first period, the information concerning background and the individual's frame of reference was obtained, using the first three instruments listed. The second period consisted of the showing of the film, "The Conference," followed by the response to the fourth instrument.

In most instances, packets of materials were provided in two parts. The first three instruments were given to the respondents with brief explanations relative to the marking of answer sheets and instructions to return the completed answer sheets at the time appointed for the showing of the film and the completion of the second part, consisting of the fourth instrument. In the case of the undergraduate groups, the showing of the film and the completion of the second part occurred within a few days during a regularly scheduled class period. Graduate classes

completed the second part one week later during a portion of their regularly scheduled class period.

Teachers at the school included in this research who were willing to participate were given the first packet of three instruments at a school faculty meeting and were asked to return the completed answer sheets to the faculty meeting scheduled one week later. At that time, the teachers viewed the film and completed answer sheets for the Perception Instrument.

Respondents in all groups completed the three instruments in the first part before viewing "The Conference." Immediately following the filmed presentation, brief procedural explanations were given by the writer, and respondents completed the final answer sheets.

After all data were collected, attention could be directed to these questions:

- 1. Do these school related groups differ significantly in the role expectations they hold for a school principal?
- 2. Do these school related group differ significantly in their personal need-dispositions?
- 3. Are these school related groups significantly different in their perception of the principal in the filmed problem situation?
- 4. What is the relationship of role expectations and personal need-dispositions of each school related group to the perception of the filmed problem?

The organization and analysis of the data reported in Chapter IV direct attention to findings regarding these and other questions related to the research hypotheses.

#### CHAPTER IV

### ORGANIZATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE DATA

#### Introduction

The present study was concerned with the relationship between personal characteristics and the perception of interpersonal situations. The major dimensions in which the study was conducted consisted of the institutional (Nomothetic) and the individual (Idiographic) concepts suggested by Getzels and Guba. 75 Their theory suggests that the Nomothetic dimension refers to the normative and institutional aspects of a situation and may be defined in terms of role expectations: the Idiographic dimension refers to the personal needs and individual aspects of a situation and may be defined in terms of an individual's need-dispositions. The instruments used in this study attempted to make operationally specific the meaning of these major dimensions. The Principal Role Behavior-Content Instrument was employed as the measure of the role expectations and the FIRO-B Instrument as the means for determining need-dispositions. The Perception Instrument employed the same dimensions to investigate the reaction of participants to the stimulus situation presented in the filmed problem situation, "The Conference." Further specificity in the application of the theory was provided by the methods of scoring and the analysis of data obtained by

 $<sup>^{75}</sup>$ Getzels and Guba, pp. 423-441.

the study instruments. The tables and descriptive analysis of the data presented in this chapter indicate the significant findings concerning the relationship between variables as stated in the hypotheses.

### Scoring of the Instruments

In order to test the interrelationship of the <u>independent variables</u> of role expectations and need-dispositions of the selected school related groups, the median test was employed. Concerning the median test, Siegel states:

The median test is a procedure for testing whether two independent groups differ in central tendencies. More precisely, the median test will give information as to whether it is likely that two independent groups (not necessarily of the same size) have been drawn from populations with the same median.

..... If many scores fall at the combined median, split the scores into these categories: those which exceed the median and those which do not. 76

The thirty-two items of the <u>Principal Role Behavior-Content Instru-</u>
<u>ment</u> are descriptions of ideal concepts of a principal's behavior to
which respondents are asked to react in terms of a six-point scale:

1	2	3	4	5	. 6	
Usually	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Rarely	Never	

Of these thirty-two items, sixteen indicate the role expectations in terms of the Nomothetic dimension, and sixteen indicate the role expectations in terms of the Idiographic dimension. Each item response was scored "high" if checked on points 1, 2, or 3; "low" if checked on

<sup>76</sup>Sidney Siegel, <u>Nonparametric</u> <u>Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences</u> (New York: 1956), p. 111, p. 115.

points 4, 5, or 6. Each respondent's total score on each dimension was the number of high scores on the sixteen items for that dimension. This total dimensional score was termed high or low on the basis of the actual median of all respondents on that dimension. Scores exceeding the median constituted the high dimensional group; those not exceeding the median constituted the low dimensional group. TABLE II indicates that the median score on the Nomothetic dimension in the present study was 10 and that the median score on the Idiographic dimension in the present study was 13.

TABLE II

ROLE EXPECTATION CLASSIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

	Nomothetic Median of 10	Idiographic Median of 13	
Number of Respondents Above the Median	96	74	
Number of Respondents at Median or Below	100	122	
Totals	196	196	

Thus, an individual who scored above 10 on the Nomothetic dimension was classified as holding high Nomothetic role expectations, and an individual who scored above 13 on the Idiographic dimension was classified as holding high Idiographic role expectations for a school principal. This particular but relative meaning of the high and low scores on the Nomothetic and Idiographic dimensions should be kept in mind by the reader when interpreting the report of the study findings.

The fifty-four Guttman-scaled items of the <u>FIRO-B</u> <u>Instrument</u> were scored with the standard scoring template provided for each of the six dimensions. The scale score ranged from 0 to 9 for each dimension.

These scores were used to determine the extent to which need-dispositions varied among the respondents. The entire number of respondents was again divided into high and low groups for each dimension, with scores exceeding the actual median classified as the high dimensional group, and those not exceeding the actual median in the low dimensional group.

The median score in the present study was 3 for the dimensions of Wanted Inclusion, Expressed Control, and Expressed Affection. An individual who scored above 3 was classified as high in each of these personal need-dispositions dimensions. The median score in the present study was 5 for the dimensions of Expressed Inclusion, Wanted Control, and Wanted Affection. An individual scoring above 5 was classified as high on each of these personal need-disposition dimensions. TABLES III and IV show the number of respondents who were classified as high and low in these dimensions.

The supplementary variable of experience was considered only for five of the seven groups, since undergraduate students could not be included in this classification. The respondents from the five groups were divided into two classifications according to the actual median number of years of professional experience represented by these respondents. The actual median number of years of professional experience was 7. Therefore, a respondent with 8 or more years of experience was classified as high, and a respondent with 7 years or less of professional experience

TABLE III

NEED-DISPOSITION CLASSIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

	Exp. Incl. Median of 5	Exp. Contr. Median of	Exp. Affect. Median of 3
Number of Respondents Above the Median	77	75	81
Number of Respondents at Median or Below	119	121	115
Totals	196	196	196

TABLE IV

NEED-DISPOSITION CLASSIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

	W. Incl. Median of 3	W. Contr. Median of 5	W. Affect. Median of 5
Number of Respondents Above the Median	85	56	52
Number of Respondents at Median or Below	111	140	144
Totals	1 <b>9</b> 6	196	196

was classified as low. TABLE V shows the number of respondents in each classification for the five groups.

As indicated earlier in TABLE I, four of the major independent variable groups were not adequately represented by women respondents; therefore, the supplementary independent variable of sex was considered for dichotomous grouping of only three of the seven selected school groups.

The Perception Instrument provided data concerning the dependent

variables which were scored in terms of the respondents' agreement or diasgreement with the forty statements in Part I describing a principal's behavior which may or may not have occurred in the problem situation shown in "The Conference" film. Respondents indicated agreement or disagreement with each statement on the basis of whether or not they perceived that "this happened," whether or not they perceived that "it was successful," and whether or not they perceived that "it was desirable." If respondents indicated they disagreed that "this happened," they were to indicate whether or not it "would have been successful," and whether or not it "would have been successful," and whether or not it "would have been desirable." Thus, there were three responses for each item.

TABLE V
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CLASSIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

Groups:	II	III	IV	VI	VII	Total
Number of Respondents Above the Median	16	11	13	12	8	60
Number of Respondents at Median or Below	17	10	3	18	22	70
Totals	33	21	16	30	30	130

Each of the eight supplementary independent variable dimensions of role expectations and need-dispositions was represented by five dependent variable statements in the same dimension making a total of forty dependent variable statements in Part I. To obtain a general indication of whether or not the respondent perceived that "this happened," that "it

was successful," and that "it was desirable," the responses to the five dimensional statements were scored as significantly indicative on the basis of majority. For example, if the respondent indicated agreement on three or more of any dimensional group of five statements, based upon his perception of the occurrence, success, and desirability of a behavior described, it was scored as significant -- positive. Conversely, if the respondent indicated disagreement on three or more of any dimensional group of five statements, based upon his perception of the occurrence, success, and desirability of a behavior described, it was considered to be significant -- negative.

Additional insight regarding the dependent variables of perception was provided through the relative ratings of dimensional endings for the five statements in Part II. Each of these five statements based on administrative task areas was provided with eight possible endings, one ending for each of the eight dimensions. Respondents were asked to indicate what they perceived the principal should have done in the problem situation by selecting two endings for each statement with which they "most agreed," and two endings for each statement with which they "least agreed." This resulted in a high-middle-low frequency distribution of the eight dimensional endings for each of the five statements. Each of the eight dimensions was represented by five statement endings as possible choices for the respondent, which were marked as indicated or were left Responses for each dimension by the seven school related groups are reported in the present study as percentages of the total possible response, along with the total response to the dimensional statement ending by all the groups combined.

Responses on Part III were coded and classified according to the

eight dimensions when this was possible, or they were listed as unclassified responses. The statements used by the respondents to describe the problem situation were grouped as general statements or as indicative of what the principal should have done. The classified and unclassified responses are listed and reported as percentages of the total response by statement, by group, by dimension, and by subtotal percentage for the dimension. Information concerning the dependent variables obtained in the present study gave an indication of the variety of ways individual respondents reported perception, and the relationship between structured and unstructured responses.

#### Statistical Treatment

The statistic employed in the analysis of the relationship between the variables in the present research was chi-square. Concerning this statistic, Van Dalen and Meyer state the following:

The basic notion underlying the chi-square technique, stated in terms of the null hypothesis, is that the observed frequencies in a category are a chance departure from the hypothetical or expected frequencies for the category. These expected frequencies are derived from any definition one might want to give the null hypothesis. • • •

$$X^2 = Sum of \frac{(0 - E)^2}{E}$$

where 0 = observed frequency in the category E = expected frequency. 77

It was the objective of this research to determine if at the .05 level of confidence the observed frequency of the variables considered were a chance departure from expected frequency for the category.

<sup>77</sup> Debold B. Van Dalen and William J. Meyer, <u>Understanding Educational Research</u> (New York: 1962), p. 330.

The basic portion of the data analysis was performed on the 1410 IBM Computer at the Oklahoma State University Computing Center. Data were prepared for computation of 2 x 7 contingency tables for the determination of the significance of the relationship between variables as indicated in the hypotheses. Significant chi-square values obtained from this analysis were checked on an electric calculator by means of a 2 x 2 chi-square analysis of all possible combinations within the larger contingency table. When applying the chi-square test to data in the 2 x 2 contingency tables, the following formula given by Siegel was used:

$$x^2 = \frac{N(|AD - BC| - \frac{N}{2})^2}{(A + B)(C + D)(A + C)(B + D)}$$
 df= 1

This formula has an added advantage of incorporating a correction for continuity which improves the approximation of the distribution of the computed chi-square by its actual distribution.

### Analysis of the Data

The findings reported in the following tables consist of significant differences between the responses of the seven school related groups as determined by the chi-square analysis of the 2 x 2 contingency tables. No findings are reported in the present study unless significant at the .05 level of confidence. The chi-square value to be attained for significance with one degree of freedom was 3.84 at the .05 level, 6.64 at the .01 level, and 10.83 at the .001 level of confidence. The chi-square values for the 2 x 7 contingency tables are shown in APPENDIX D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup>Siegel, p. 107.

## Role Expectations

Significant differences in the responses between the selected school related groups regarding the role expectations held for a school principal (Hypothesis 1-A) are shown in TABLE VI. Four significant differences were found between group responses regarding the Nomothetic dimension, while no significant differences were found concerning the Idiographic dimension.

TABLE VI

GROUP RESPONSE DIFFERENCES REGARDING ROLE EXPECTATIONS

Dimensions	Groups High Low	Chi-Square
DIMONDIA	11-612	oni square
Nomothetic	V - I	5.830
	II - VII	6.255
	IV - VII	5.292
	V - VII	12.145*
Idiographic	none	
* Significant at t	the .001 level of confidence	3

## Need-Dispositions

Table VII displays the significant differences in responses between the selected school related groups regarding their personal need-dispositions (Hypothesis 1-B). There was no significant difference between groups on four of the need-disposition dimensions, but five significant differences were found between group responses regarding Wanted Inclusion and three differences regarding Expressed Control.

Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) were high on Wanted Inclusion

in contrast to all other groups except School Administrators (Group IV) on that dimension.

TABLE VII

GROUP RESPONSE DIFFERENCES REGARDING NEED-DISPOSITIONS

Dimensions	G High	roups	Low	Chi-Square
Expressed Inclusion		none		•
Wanted Inclusion	I		II	7.221*
	· I	-	III	6.481
	I		Λ	6.503
	I	-	VI	8.103*
	I	***	VII	4.389
Expressed Control	IV	-	II	7.214*
	IA	-	I	4.897
	IV		V	4.288
Wanted Control		none		
Expressed Affection	-	none		
Wanted Affection		none	,	
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<sup>\*</sup> Significant at the .Ol level of confidence

# Perception

TABLES VIII through X indicate the significant difference in responses between the selected school related groups concerning the perception of the occurrence, success, and desirability of each dimension of the problem situation (Hypothesis 1-C). Some of the administrative

behavior was perceived with such similarity that the resultant chi-square relationships did not attain significance at the .05 level of confidence. Most significant differences concerning the occurrence and success of perceived behavior involved the Idiographic dimension, while the desirability of the perceived behavior involved significant differences distributed among six of the eight dimensions. There were no significant differences in the responses between the groups concerning the occurrence, success, and desirability of the Wanted Affection dimension.

TABLE VIII

GROUP RESPONSE DIFFERENCES REGARDING PERCEPTION - HAPPENED

Dimensions	Groups Did Didn't	Chi-Square
Nomothetic	none	
Idiographic	I - VI	5.689
	I - VII	4.176
	III - VI	4.223
	V - VI	5.711
	A - AII	4.177
Expressed Inclusion	none	
Wanted Inclusion	none	
Expressed Control	V - II	5.180
Wanted Control	none	
Expressed Affection	none	
Wanted Affection	none	

TABLE IX

GROUP RESPONSE DIFFERENCES REGARDING PERCEPTION - SUCCESSFUL

Dimensions		Groups Was Wasn't		Chi-Square	
Nomothetic	none				
Idiographic	IV	espe	I	4.791	
	IA	-	II	9.353*	
	IV	-	III	5.914	
	IV	***	V	5.885	
	VI		II .	7.221*	
Expressed Inclusion		none			
Wanted Inclusion	III	*****	II	5.329	
			II	6.130	
Expressed Control	* .	none			
Wanted Control	ĬI		I	4.301	
	VII	-	I	5.104	
Expressed Affection		none			
Wanted Affection		none			

# Perception of Classified Groups

The findings reported in TABLES XI and XII indicate the significant differences in responses between groups when classified as high and low on role expectation and need-disposition dimensions regarding the perception of the occurrence, success, and desirability of each dimension of the problem situation (Hypothesis 2-A). No significant differences

were found concerning the perception of the problem situation between groups scoring above the median on the supplementary independent variables of role expectations and need-dispositions. However, significant response differences were found between groups scoring at the median or below on the supplementary independent variables with the greater number of differences involving the desirability rather than the success of the perceived behavior.

TABLE X

GROUP RESPONSE DIFFERENCES REGARDING PERCEPTION - DESIRABLE

	•	
Dimensions	Groups Was Wasn't	Chi-Square
Nomothetic	IV - II	5.096
Idiographic	III - V	4.468
Expressed Inclusion	VII - II	6.170
Wanted Inclusion	I II	7.562*
	IV - II	6.677*
	vII – II	4.175
Expressed Control	none	
Wanted Control	V I	7.511*
	VII - I	5.824
Expressed Affection	IV - VI	I 4.659
	IV - II	5.090
Wanted Affection	none	

\*Significant at the .Ol level of confidence

TABLE XI

RESPONSE DIFFERENCES OF GROUPS SCORING AT MEDIAN OR BELOW
ON ROLE EXPECTATIONS AND NEED-DISPOSITIONS
CONCERNING PERCEPTION -- HAPPENED

Dimensions	Gi Was	roups Wa	s isn <sup>y</sup> t	Chi-Square
Nomothetic-Desirable	I	ole	II	4.498
	Λ	_	II	4 <b>.8</b> 46
Idiographic		none	•	
Expressed Inclusion		none	•	
Wanted Inclusion		none		
Expressed Control		none		
Wanted Control - Successful	II		III	4.266
Expressed Affection - Desirable	V	-	VII	4.476
Wanted Affection - Desirable	V	_	II	8.553*
	ν	_	III	5.660
	V	-	VI	4.909
	A		VII	9.050*

TABLE XI indicates the significant differences of responses concerning the perception of groups scoring at the median or below on the supplementary independent variables of role expectations and need-dispositions. The respondent indicated that the dimensional statement was descriptive of what he perceived "happened," further indicating his perception of whether or not "it was successful" and "was desirable"

in the problem situation. Six of the eight significant differences in responses between groups involved Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V).

TABLE XII

RESPONSE DIFFERENCES OF GROUPS SCORING AT MEDIAN OR BELOW
ON ROLE EXPECTATIONS AND NEED-DISPOSITIONS
CONCERNING PERCEPTION -- DID NOT HAPPEN

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I I	-	II II	4.893 4.893
I I		II II	4.893 4.893
I	-	II	4.893
I	-	II .	-
	-		5.063
I			
		II	4.302
no	one		
V	<del></del>	I	4.373
I	_	I	4.267
I	_	I	4.538
I		II	4.318
	none	•	
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TABLE XII is similar to TABLE XI with one exception. Regarding the dimensional statement concerning the problem situation, the respondent

indicated that it "did not happen," further indicating his perception of whether or not it "would have been successful" and "would have been desirable." Six of the nine differences in responses between groups involved Teachers (Group II).

## Male and Female Responses

The present study was concerned with the response differences between male and female respondents (Hypothesis 3-A-C), utilizing the scores from only those groups in which both sexes were adequately represented. The three groups considered were Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I), Teachers (Group II), and Education Graduates (Group VI). The data revealed no significant differences concerning the dependent variables of perception, and only one significant difference regarding the supplementary independent variables. Male and female Education Graduates (Group VI) showed a significant difference on the supplementary independent variable – Expressed Affection. A chi-square value of 3.9669 indicated that the male respondents scored significantly higher than the female respondents on the need-disposition variable.

TABLE XIII

MALE RESPONSE DIFFERENCES IN GROUPS I, II, AND VI

Dimension	Groups Did Didn't	Chi-Square
Idiographic - Happen	I - VI	9.1635*
	II - VI	4.1300
*Significant at the .Ol 1	level of confidence	

Undergraduates (Group I), Teachers (Group II), and Education Graduates (Group VI). Significant differences were found only concerning the perception of the occurrence of Idiographic behavior in the filmed problem situation, and these differences involved Education Graduates (Group VI).

TABLE XIV

FEMALE RESPONSE DIFFERENCES IN GROUPS I, II, AND VI

		Group	າຣ	
Dimension	<del>111</del> H ++ D + W	id	Low +++ Didn't++ Wasn't +	Chi-Square
Nomothetic	<del>   </del> I	I -	I <del>!!!</del>	4.4152
Wanted Inclusion	<del>1    </del> <del>     </del>	I -	II <del>111</del> VI <del>111</del>	5.7460 7.2503*
Expressed Affection	+++	ı -	VI +++	6.1280
Expressed Inclusion - Happen	<del>†  -</del>	ı -	II ++	4.7527
Expressed Control - Happen	• •	I - VI -	II ++ II ++	4.7273 5.2770
Wanted Inclusion - Desirable		I -	II +	8.3012** 3.9073
Low Nomothetic Happen - Desirable	+	I <del>-</del>	II +	5.4461

<sup>+</sup> Dimensional classification

TABLE XIV indicates the response differences between female Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I), Teachers (Group II), and Education Graduates (Group VI). There were considerably more differences between

<sup>\*</sup> Significant at the .Ol level of confidence

female responses than between male responses on the variable dimensions shown in the table. Eight of the ten significant differences in responses between groups involved female Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I).

Professional Experience Classifications

The present study was also concerned with the response differences between the respondents of high and low experience classification (Hypothesis 4-A-D). Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) and Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V) were not included in this classification. The data revealed only one significant difference between Educational Administration Graduates (Group III), and only one significant difference between Guidance Graduates (Group VII). TABLES XV and XVI show these significant differences within the two groups.

TABLE XV

RESPONSE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CLASSIFICATIONS IN GROUP III

Dimension •	High	Low	Chi-Square
Wanted Affection	At Median or Below	Above Median	4.7256

TABLE XVI

RESPONSE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CLASSIFICATIONS
IN GROUP VII

Dimension	High	Low	Chi-Square
Wanted Affection - Happened	At Median or Below	Above Median	4.8355

TABLE XVII RESPONSE DIFFERENCES OF GROUPS WITH HIGH PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CLASSIFICATION

		oup	s	
Dimension	+++ High ++ Did + Was		Low +++ Didn't ++ Wasn't +	Chi-Square
Wanted Affection	+++ VII		III +++	6,3855
Expressed Affection- Happened	++ III	_	VI ++	5.3226
Wanted Affection - Happened	++ II ++ III ++ IV	- -	VII ++ VII ++ VII ++	5.0000 4.0244 7.2945*
Idiographic - Successful	+ IV	_	III +	4.0392
Wanted Inclusion - Successful	+ III	-	II +	4.2525
Wanted Inclusion - Desirable	+ IV	_	II +	5.2983
Expressed Control - Successful	+ VI		VII +	6.3281
Expressed Affection - Successful	+ VI	_	III +	5.7531
+ Dimensional classif * Significant at the	==	con	fidence	

TABLE XVII shows the significant response differences between individuals of the five groups classified as having high professional experience. Six of the ten significant differences involved Educational Administration Graduates (Group III).

TABLE XVIII indicates the significant response differences between individuals of the five groups classified as having high professional experience. Nine of the twelve significant differences involved

TABLE XVIII

RESPONSE DIFFERENCES OF GROUPS WITH LOW PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CLASSIFICATION

	Gr	oups	
Dimension + Woul	+++ High ++ Was d Have Been	Low +++ Wasn't ++ (Would Not Have (Been +	Chi-Square
Nomothetic	+++ VI +++ III	- VII +++	7.7820* 3.8188
Idiographic - Successful	++ VI ++ IV ++ VII	- II ++ - II ++ - II ++	6.6936* 4.7806 5.2026
Expressed Inclusion - Desirable	++ VII	- II <del>!!</del>	6.6655*
Wanted Control - Successful	++ <b>V</b> II	- VI ++	4.8484
Low Expressed Inclusion - Didn't Happen - Desirable	+ VI + III + VII	- II + - II + - II +	4.5000 4.5000 7.1300*
Low Wanted Control - Happened - Successful	++ II ++ II	- VI ++ - III ++	5.1857 5.1857
+Dimensional classific *Significant at the .0		nfidence	

\*Significant at the .Ul level of confidence

The chi-square values for the 2 x 3 contingency tables regarding response differences in the three groups represented by male and female respondents, and the chi-square values for the 2 x 5 contingency tables regarding differences between respondents of the five groups classified as having high and low professional years of experience were provided by the IBM Computer and may be seen in APPENDIX D. From these

larger contingency tables, the writer computed the values for 2 x 2 contingency tables through the use of an electric calculator, the results of which are reported in the tables.

TABLE XIX SUMMARY OF THE GROUP RESPONSE DIFFERENCES REGARDING ROLE EXPECTATION AND NEED-DISPOSITION DIMENSIONS

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Totals
Nomothetic	<b>-</b> 2	+2	+1	+1	+2	+1	<b>-</b> 5	14.
Idiographic								none
Expressed Inclusion	٠							none
Wanted Inclusion	+7	<b>-</b> 2	-1		-1	<b>-</b> 2	<b>-1</b>	14
Expressed Control	-1	-1		+3	-1			6 .
Wanted Control								none
Expressed Affection	+1					-1		2
Wanted Affection	+1 -2						+1	4
Totals	14	5	2	4	4	4	7	40

TABLE XIX presents a summary of the group response differences regarding role expectations and need-dispositions. A total of 40 response differences were found on these dimensions regarding the personal characteristics of the representative groups participating in this study. Fourteen of these differences involved Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I). The Nomothetic and Wanted Inclusion dimensions accounted for the most response differences, with Guidance Graduates (Group VII) involved most frequently in differences on the Nomothetic dimension, and Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) involved most frequently on the Wanted Inclusion dimension.

TABLE XX gives a summary of the group dimensional response differences concerning the perception of the principal's role behavior in the filmed problem situation. A total of 140 differences were found on these dimensions, 40 of which involved Teachers (Group II). The Idiographic dimension accounted for the largest number of response differences between the groups, and the number of differences between groups on Wanted behavior was greater than the differences on Expressed behavior in terms of the Inclusion, Control, and Affection dimensions. The contrast in responses between School Administrators (Group IV) and Teachers (Group II) was consistently apparent.

Part II of the <u>Perception Instrument</u> requested respondents to indicate what the principal should have done in the problem situation by selecting endings to statements relative to pertinent administrative tasks involved. By selecting two dimensional endings with which he "most agreed" and two with which he "least agreed," the respondent indicated his preference for dimensional statement endings by these relative ratings. From the eight endings for each statement, the respondent selected four to be marked and four to be left blank. Thus a dimensional statement ending was marked as "most agree," "least agree," or it remained unmarked.

TABLE XX

SUMMARY OF THE GROUP RESPONSE DIFFERENCES REGARDING PERCEPTION OF OCCURRENCE, SUCCESS, AND DESIRABILITY OF THE PRINCIPAL'S ROLE BEHAVIOR

		<b></b>			77		17 <b>77</b>	<b>m</b>
Groups:	I	II	III	IV	٧	VI	VII	Totals
Nomothetic Happened					•			none
Successful Desirable	+2	-4		+1	+1			none 8
Idiographic Happened Successful Desirable	+3 -1	+ <b>1</b> -6	+1 -2 +1	+7	+2 -1 -1	-5 +2	-2 +1	14 20 2
Expressed Inclusion Happened Successful Desirable	+1	-1 -7	+2			+1	+4	2 none 14
Wanted Inclusion Happened Successful Desirable	+3	-3 -7	+2 +1	+2	<b>+1</b>	-1	+2	none 6 16
Expressed Control Happened Successful Desirable	+1	-3			+1	+1 +1	<b>-1</b>	6 2 none
Wanted Control Happened Successful Desirable	-2 -4	+4	-2		+2	-2	+2 +2	none 12 8
Expressed Affection Happened Successful Desirable	-1	-1 -1	+1 -1	+2	+1	-1 +3	<del>-</del> 2	2 6 6

TABLE XX (Continued)

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Totals
Wanted								
Affection Happened		+1	+1	+1			-4 +1	8
Successful Desirable		. <b>-1</b>	-1		+4	-1	-1	none 8
Totals	18	40	15	13	14	18	22	140

TABLES XXI through XXVIII show in percentages the relative ratings of the dimensional statement endings given by the seven school related groups, together with the total rating achieved by combining all the group responses.

TABLE XXI

NOMOTHETIC DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Totals
Most Agree	43.33	45,45	25.71	37.50	40.00	39.33	24.67	37.24
Least Agree	20.00	13.94	33.34	17.50	21.67	19.33	26.00	21.33
Blank	36.67	40.61	40.95	45.00	38.33	41.34	49.33	41.43

An examination of TABLES XXI and XXII indicates that all of the participating groups were found to be more in agreement with the Idio-graphic dimensional endings provided in Part II of the <u>Perception</u>

<u>Instrument</u> than with the Nomothetic dimensional endings. The greatest contrast is shown in the responses of the Educational Administration Graduates (Group III), whose scores showed the greatest percentage difference on the two dimensions.

TABLE XXII

IDIOGRAPHIC DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	٧	VI	AİI	Totals
Most Agree	52.67	48.48	60.00	52.50	43.33	56.00	50.67	51.22
Least Agree	9.33	5.46	2.86	8.75	8.89	6.00	4.00	6.53
Blank	38.00	46.06	37.14	38.75	47.78	38.00	45 <i>3</i> 3	42.25

TABLE XXIII

EXPRESSED INCLUSION DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Totals
Most Agree	37.33	33.94	37.14	43.75	37.78	30.00	33.33	35.61
Least Agree	14.00	15.15	9.52	5.00	11.67	11.33	8.67	11.33
Blank	48.67	50.91	53.34	51.25	50.55	58.67	58.00	53.06

TABLES XXIII and XXIV reveal that all groups were more in agreement with the Expressed Inclusion dimensional endings than with the Wanted Inclusion dimensional endings. Educational Administration Graduates (Group III) and School Administrators (Group IV) gave the strongest

indication that activity of Expressed Inclusion should have been employed by the principal in the problem situation in preference to activity of Wanted Inclusion.

TABLE XXIV
WANTED INCLUSION DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

Groups:	I	II	III	IA	٧	VI	VII	Totals
Most Agree	12.00	9.09	13.33	10.00	11.67	9.33	16.00	11.63
Least Agree	26.67	29.70	22.86	30.00	31.67	27.33	26.00	27.96
Blank	61.33	61.21	63.81	60.00	56.66	63.34	58.00	60.41

An examination of TABLES XXV and XXVI reveals that neither Expressed nor Wanted Control dimensional endings received much agreement from the groups, but rather a strong indication that such endings were chosen to represent activity which would meet with least agreement. Guidance Graduates (Group VII) were in least agreement of all groups concerning dimensional statement endings of Expressed Control, while School Administrators (Group IV) were in least agreement of all groups concerning dimensional statement endings of Wanted Control.

TABLES XXVII and XXVIII indicate that all respondents agreed more with Expressed Affection dimensional endings than Wanted Affection dimensional endings. Guidance Graduates (Group VII) gave the strongest indication favoring Expressed Affection behavior, while Teachers (Group II) agreed least with the Wanted Affection dimensional statement endings.

TABLE XXV

EXPRESSED CONTROL DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

Group	s: I	II	III	IA	V	VI	VII	Totals
Most Agree	10.67	10.91	9.52	11.25	13.33	14.00	5.33	10.82
Le <b>as</b> t Agree	40.00	33.33	47.62	36.25	41.11	40.67	48.00	40.92
Blank	49.33	55.76	42.86	52.50	45.56	45.33	46.67	48.26

TABLE XXVI
WANTED CONTROL DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Totals
Most Agree	3.33	6.06	7.62	0.00	5.00	6.67	4.67	5.00
Least Agree	52.67	42.42	40.00	60.00	43.89	47.33	49.33	47.24
Blank	44.00	51.52	52.38	40.00	51.11	46.00	46.00	47.76

TABLE XXVII

EXPRESSED AFFECTION DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Totals
31.33	31.52	37.14	35.00	33.33	36.00	52.00	36.53
10.00	15.76	4.76	15.00	10.56	10.00	3.33	9.90
58.67	52.72	58.10	50.00	56.11	54.00	44.67	53.57
	31.33	31.33 31.52 10.00 15.76	31.33 31.52 37.14 10.00 15.76 4.76	31.33 31.52 37.14 35.00 10.00 15.76 4.76 15.00	31.33 31.52 37.14 35.00 33.33 10.00 15.76 4.76 15.00 10.56	31.33 31.52 37.14 35.00 33.33 36.00 10.00 15.76 4.76 15.00 10.56 10.00	31.33 31.52 37.14 35.00 33.33 36.00 52.00 10.00 15.76 4.76 15.00 10.56 10.00 3.33

TABLE XXVIII
WANTED AFFECTION DIMENSIONAL PERCENTAGES

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	٧	VI	VII	Totals
Most Agree	8.67	14.55	9.52	8.75	12.22	10.00	12.67	11.22
Least Agree	30.67	44.24	39.05	28.75	32.22	38.00	36.00	35.92
Blank	60.66	41.21	51.43	62.50	55.56	52.00	51.33	52 <b>.8</b> 6

Taking the difference between percentages representing "most agreement" and "least agreement" as an indication of group preference for these dimensional statement endings, the order of preference for dimensions may be shown as in TABLE XXIX.

ORDER OF PREFERENCE BY GROUPS FOR DIMENSIONAL STATEMENT ENDINGS REGARDING THE PERCEPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL'S ROLE

Groups:	I	II	III	ΙV	V	VI	VII	Totals
Nomothetic	3	2	4	4	4	3	4	4
Idiographic	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Expressed Inclusion	2	3	3	2	2	4	3	3
Wanted Inclusion	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Expressed Control	7	6	8	7	7	7	7	7
Wanted Control	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8
Expressed Affection	4	4	2	3	3	2	1.	2
Wanted Affection	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	6

In summary, the relative ratings of the statement endings by the combined groups follow this order of preference: (1) Idiographic,

- (2) Expressed Affection, (3) Expressed Inclusion, (4) Nomothetic,
- (5) Wanted Inclusion, (6) Wanted Affection, (7) Expressed Control, and (8) Wanted Control.

Statements given in narrative form by the respondent on Part III of the <u>Perception Instrument</u> were coded and classified by the writer according to the eight dimensions considered in the perception of the filmed problem situation. However, several summarization statements did not meet specifications and were not classified. The statements were grouped as generally descriptive of what took place in "The Conference," or grouped as indicative of what the principal should have done in the situation. These statements from the unstructured portion of the instrument and their classification provided additional insights regarding the respondents' perception of what actually took place.

General statements appearing five or more times in the narrative responses were considered significant. These statement summarizations and their classification are the following:

#### Nomothetic:

- 1. This was an issue of conformity versus non-conformity.
- 2. The problem was not clearly defined, not specifically stated.
- 3. There was inconsistent procedure and policy.
- 4. There was poor planning, little anticipation of the outcome.
- 5. The situation was the result of delaying to take action.

#### Idiographic:

- There was jealousy, dislike, unfriendliness -- a personality conflict.
- 7. The conflict concerned teaching methods.
- 8. This was an example of poor human relations -- low morale.
- There was no consideration of individual differences -- a display of bias.

- 10. It was a problem of cooperation.
- 11. It was a problem of communication -- not understanding role expectations.
- 12. This was a poor setting for the conference.
- 13. There was a lack of adequate background information on the problem.

# Expressed Inclusion:

14. The principal asked for the conference.

## Expressed Control:

- 15. The principal lost what little control he had of the conference.
- 16. This is an example of poor leadership and control.

# Wanted Control:

17. The principal was influenced by the supervisor and other factors.

# Expressed Affection:

- 18. This was a display of temper, a loss of emotional control.
- 19. It was too formal, tactless, a poor method of approach to the problem.

## Wanted Affection:

20. The principal was disturbed at the outcome as a possible personal threat.

### Unclassified Statements:

- 21. This was an example of an effort that failed; made matters worse.
- 22. There was an ignoring of the issues in the situation.
- 23. The principal was inadequate to the demands of the situation.
- 24. There was unprofessional conduct by all persons.

General statements appearing fewer than five times in the narrative responses were classified and grouped as miscellaneous statements regarding the perception of the problem. These statement summarizations are:

#### Nomothetic:

- 1. The principal's expectations were not clear.
- 2. The principal did the right thing in calling the conference and speaking as he did to Miss Leduc.
- 3. The principal had to follow the regulations of his school.

## Idiographic:

4. There were differing viewpoints, different frames of reference.

- 5. They showed basically insecure self-concepts.
- 6. This was an example of conflicting values.
- 7. The real issue was deeper.

## Expressed Control:

- 8. The principal did all he could do in the situation.
- 9. The principal was too domineering.

## Wanted Affection:

10. The principal was afraid of being disliked.

# Unclassified Statements:

- 11. This is a problem common to many schools.
- 12. This situation was overplayed, it could not have actually happened.
- 13. The principal may have learned something in the conference.
- 14. This shows the complexity of personnel problems.

Ranking the summarization statements according to the number of times the respondents expressed the particular thought, they rank from most often repeated to least mentioned in the following order:

## Rank:

- 1. The principal lost what little control he had of the conference.
- 2. There was jealousy, dislike, unfriendliness -- a personality conflict.
- This was an example of an effort that failed; made matters worse.
- 4. The principal was influenced by the supervisor and other factors.
- 5. The conflict concerned teaching methods.
- 6. The principal was inadequate to the demands of the situation.
- 7. There was no consideration of individual differences -- a display of bias.
- 8. The principal asked for the conference.
- 9. This was a display of temper, a loss of emotional control.
- 10. This was an issue of conformity versus non-conformity.
- 11. This is an example of poor leadership and control.
- 12. It was too formal, tactless, a poor method of approach to the problem.
- 13. This was a poor setting for the conference.
- 14. It was a problem of communication -- not understanding role expectations.
- 15. There was an ignoring of the issues in the situation.
- 16. There was inconsistent procedure and policy.
- 17. The situation was the result of delaying to take action.
- 18. There was poor planning, little anticipation of the outcome.
- 19. This was an example of poor human relations -- low morale.

- 20. The problem was not clearly defined, not specifically stated.
- 21. There was unprofessional conduct by all persons.
- 22. The principal was disturbed at the outcome as a possible personal threat.
- 23. It was a problem of cooperation.
- 24. There was a lack of adequate background information on the problem.
- 25. This is a problem common to many schools.
- 26. The principal did all he could do in the situation.
- 27. The principal did the right thing in calling the conference and speaking as he did to Miss Leduc.
- 28. There were differing viewpoints, different frames of reference.
- 29. This was an example of conflicting values.
- 30. The principal was too domineering.
- 31. The real issue was deeper.
- 32. They showed basically insecure self-concepts.
- 33. The principal's expectations were not clear.
- 34. The principal had to follow the regulations of his school.
- 35. The principal may have learned something in the conference.
- 36. The principal was afraid of being disliked.
- 37. This shows the complexity of personnel problems.
- 38. This situation was overplayed, it could not have actually happened.

TABLE XXX shows the percentage of the total group response for each summarization statement. The percentage of each group's response is given for each statement along with the sub-total percentage for the dimensional classification. These sub-total percentages indicate a relationship between the narrative responses in Part III and the dimensional statements in Parts I and II of the Perception Instrument.

TABLE XXX

PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL GROUP GENERAL NARRATIVE STATEMENTS
RELATED TO PERCEPTION OF THE PROBLEM SITUATION

Groups:	I	II	III	IA	٧	VI	VII	Total Percentage
Nomothetic			SVE,		DEL PLACE		.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
#1	.6	_	.5	.1	.9	.4	1.3	3.8
#2	.6	.1	.2	.1	.4	.5	.3	2.2
#3	.3	.4	.4	.6	.4	.3	.1	2.5
#4	.1	.6	.8	.1	.4	.2	-	2.2
#5	.2	.8	.3	-	.1	.5	.5	2.4
Misc.(1-3)	.2	_	-	-	.4	-	.5	1.1
AND DESCRIPTION OF SECTION							Sub-Tota	1: 14.2%

TABLE XXX (Continued)

Groups:	I	II	III	IV	٧	VI	VII	Total Percentag
Idiograph	nic							
#6	1.5	1.5	1.0	.5	.9	1.4	1.7	8.5
#7	1.5	1.1	.8	.6	1.1	1.2	.9	7.2
#8	.4	.2	.1	.4	.4	.6	.í	2.2
#9		.5	.5	.3	.9	1.1	1.3	4.9
	.3		• )					
#10	.3	-	-	-	.4	.2	.1	1.0
#11	.1	1.0	.2	.3	.1	.4	.5	2.6
#12	-	.2	.9	.6	-	.8	.2	2.7
#13	-	_	.3	.1	.1	-	.3	.8
Misc. (4-7	7) .1	.4	.1	.3	.3	.1	.6	1.9
								otal:31.8%
Expressed								
Inclusion						,		
#14	1.4	.8	.9	.1	.4	.6	.5	4.7
Expressed	,						Sub-1	otal: 4.7%
Control	4							
#15	1.4	1.0	1.1	.9	1.5	1.2	1.5	8.6
#16	.1	.4	1.0	.5	.6	.4	.5	3.5
Misc.(8-9	9) .3	.1	-	-	.2	.5	-	1.1
							Sub-T	otal:13.2%
Wanted Control								
#17	1.1	1.0	1.0	.4	1.1	1.5	1.4	7.5
							Sub-T	otal: 7.5%
Expressed	<u>l</u>							
Affection		_		,		,		
#18	1.1	.7	.4	.6	.4	.6	.1	3.9
#19	.1	.6	.8	.1	.9	.2	.6	3.3
							Sub-T	otal: 7.2%
<u>Vanted</u> Affection								
			-					4
#20	.1	.3	.1	.1	.1	.4	.3	1.4
lisc.(10)	-	-	-	-	-	.1	.1	.2
							Sub-T	otal: 1.6%
Inclassif								
Statement	2 0	1 )	12	4	0	1 5	d	0 5
#21	2.0	1.4	1.3	.6	.9	1.5	.8	8.5
#22	.8	.8	.1	.1	-	.3	.5	2.6
#23	.3	1.1	1.0	.1	.9	1.5	1.0	5.9
#24	.1	.3	.4	.1	_	.6	.1	1.6
isc.(11-	14).4	.3	.1	.1	.3	.1	.1	1.2
	1444		57(T)	1800	-	(#\ <del>-</del> )		otal:19.8%
otal Gro				70.5		VIII.		
	es 15.	4 15.4	14.3		14.1			

Narrative statements appearing five or more times pertaining to what the principal "should have done" in the problem situation were considered significant. These statements were classified as follows:

## Principal O'Shea should have . . .

#### Nomothetic

- 1. . . used the power of his position to control the conference.
- 2. . . established rules and set objectives for the conference.

#### Idiographic

- 3. . . held a neutral, unbiased position.
- 4. . . considered individual differences.
- 5. . . carefully evaluated information, considering its source.
- 6. . . explained school policy pertinent to the case.
- 7. . . let each teacher express her side of the problem.

## Expressed Inclusion

- 8. . . attacked the problem earlier.
- 9. . . held earlier conferences privately with each teacher.

### Expressed Control

10. . . called another conference later, in another setting.

#### Expressed Affection

- 11. . . controlled his emotions -- his temper.
- 12. . . been more tactful, friendly in the approach to the problem, setting a better atmosphere for the discussion.
- 13. . . developed closer relations with the teachers.

The following statements pertaining to what the principal "should have done" in the problem situation appeared fewer than five times in the narrative responses and were grouped as miscellaneous statements: Principal O'Shea should have . . .

#### Nomothetic

- 1. . . been concerned about the curriculum matters involved.
- 2. . . anticipated the possible outcome of the conference.
- 3. . . hired a new department head.

#### Idiographic

4. . . provided a more informal setting for the conference.

- 5. . . made himself understood in staff communications.
- 6. . . been present when the teachers arrived for the conference.

# Expressed Inclusion

7. . . met oftener with the teachers.

## Expressed Control

- 8. . . offered suggestions to solve the problem.
- 9. . . cancelled the conference.

# Expressed Affection

10. . . seated both teachers as the conference began.

Ranking the statements concerning what respondents perceived the principal 'should have done" in the problem situation from the most often repeated to the least mentioned would place them in the following order: Principal O'Shea should have . . .

- 1. . . held earlier conferences privately with each teacher.
- 2. . . used the power of his position to control the conference.
- 3. . . been more tactful, friendly in the approach to the problem, setting a better atmosphere for the discussion.
- 4. . . attacked the problem earlier.
- 5. . . let each teacher express her side of the problem.
- 6. . . established rules and set objectives for the conference.
- 7. . . carefully evaluated information, considering its source.
- 8. . . held a neutral, unbiased position.
- 9. . . controlled his emotions -- his temper.
- 10. . . considered individual differences.
- 11. . . explained school policy pertinent to the case.
- 12. . . called another conference later, in another setting.
- 13. . . developed closer relations with the teachers.
- 14. . . seated both teachers as the conference began.
- 15. . . provided a more informal setting for the conference.
- 16. . . anticipated the possible outcome of the conference.
- 17. . . offered suggestions to solve the problem.
- 18. . . cancelled the conference.
- 19. . . hired a new department head.
- 20. . . been concerned about the curriculum matters involved.
- 21. . . made himself clear in staff communications.
- 22. . . met oftener with the teachers.
- 23. . . been present when the teachers arrived for the conference.

TABLE XXXI shows the percentage of the total group response for each statement concerning what the principal should have done in the solution of the problem. The percentage of each group's response is given for

PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL GROUP NARRATIVE STATEMENTS RELATED
TO THE PERCEPTION OF WHAT THE PRINCIPAL SHOULD
HAVE DONE IN THE SITUATION

Groups	I	II	III	IV	V	νI	VII	Total Percentage
Nomothetic #1 #2 Misc.(1-3)	1.65 1.1 1.65	2.2 1.1 -	1.1 -	- •55 •55	2.2 .55 .55	1.65 1.1 - Sub-To	2.2 - .55 tal:	9.9 5.5 <u>3.3</u> 18.7%
Idiographic #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 Misc.(4-6)	2.2 1.1 - .55	- .55 1.1 1.1 1.1	- - - - - - 55	- - - - - 1.1	1.65 1.1 1.65 - 2.2	55 .55 .55 1.65 .55 Sub-To	1.1 1.65 1.1 1.1 1.1 tal:	4.95 4.4 4.95 2.75 7.15 2.75 26.95%
Expressed Inclusion #8 #9 Misc.(7)	1.65 2.75	1.65 3.3 .55	- 1.65 -	- 2.2 -	1.1	1.1 3.8 - Sub-To	2.2 3.8 - tal:	7.7 21.9 .55 30.15%
Expressed Control #10 Misc.(8-9)	1.1	•55 •55	•55 -	-	•55 •55	_ _ Sub-T	_ 2.2 otal:	2.75 3.3 6.05%
Expressed Affection #11 #12 #13 Misc.(10)	2.2 1.1 -	1.1 1.65 1.1	- •55 •55 •55	- 1.1 .55	•55 1.65 •55 •55	.55 1.65 - .55 Sub-To	- 1.1 - - tal:	4.4 8.8 2.75 2.2 18.15%
Total Group Percentages	17.6	17.6	5.5	6.0	19.8	14.3	19.2	100.00%

each statement along with the sub-total percentage for the dimensional classification. These dimensional classifications may be compared with the responses on Part II of the <u>Perception Instrument</u>.

The findings reported in this chapter indicate the differences in role expectations, need-dispositions, and perception of the seven selected school groups as determined by the instruments employed in the study. Chapter V provides an interpretation of the results through a summarization of the findings. Conclusions and implications relative to the findings and recommendations for further research will complete the content of this final chapter.

#### CHAPTER V

#### INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Review of the Purpose and Design of the Study

This report presents a description of an investigation that was concerned with the problem of discovering how school related groups representing various status, training, and levels of specialization in education perceive administrative behavior in interpersonal relationship situations. Recognizing the fact that present training programs in school administration utilize simulated materials such as written cases, programmed problems, films, tapes, in-basket problems, and other materials, the 16 mm. sound film, "The Conference," was used in the present study to provide respondents with a controlled stimulus as a common basis for studying the perception of the role of an administrator in a problem situation. The major purpose of the study was to determine the extent to which role expectations and group psychological needs are related to the perception of a problem situation in which these dimensional factors are assumed to be functionally operative.

The investigation was conducted within a theoretical framework. The research design resulted from the combination of features of the Nomothetic-Idiographic theory developed by Getzels and Guba, 79 the <u>FIRO</u> theory of

<sup>79</sup> Getzels and Guba, pp. 423-441.

William C. Schutz, 80 and the theory of perception as described by Ittelson and Cantril. 81 The theoretical framework pointed to the importance of information concerning the relationship of role expectations and group psychological needs in the understanding of individual and organizational behavior.

Seven school related groups were selected to participate in the present study as a representative sample of various status, training, and specialization levels in education. One hundred ninety-six individuals, one hundred thirty-seven men and fifty-nine women, were selected from undergraduate and graduate classes of students attending the Oklahoma State University, and from one school in an urban community. Participants were selected on the basis of group representation, availability, and willingness to participate. A description of the groups is given in Chapter III.

The instruments used in this study, described in Chapter II, provided data in terms of the theoretical framework. The dimensions of the independent variables comprising the respondent's frame of reference in terms of role expectations and need-dispositions were utilized in obtaining data relative to the dependent variables of perception. Thus, it was possible to determine the relationship of each dimension of the independent variables with its dimensional dependent variable counterpart.

Statistical analyses were made to determine differences between

<sup>80</sup> Schutz, Harvard Business Review, pp. 123-135.

<sup>81</sup> Ittelson and Cantril, pp. 1 - 5.

the school related groups regarding the supplementary independent variables of role expectations and need-dispositions and the dependent variables of perception. The relationship of sex and years of professional experience to response differences between the groups on the independent and dependent variable dimensions were included in the statistical analyses when applicable. The difference between male and female responses was considered for three of the participating groups while the difference in years of professional experience of the respondents was considered for five of the groups participating in the study. The statistics employed to determine differences between groups were the median test and chi-square.

#### Summary of Findings

Four hypotheses were tested in this research. Since there was a considerable degree of similarity between various parts of the hypotheses, findings are summarized in terms of answers to the major questions relative to the investigation. The significant findings and the relationships between variables reported are in terms of the respondents included in this study as representative of seven school related groups.

1. Do the school related groups representing various status, training, and specialization levels differ significantly in the role expectations they hold for school administrators? (Hypotheses 1-A, 3-A, and 4-A)

There were no significant differences between groups on the Idiographic dimension and only seven differences found regarding the Nomothetic dimension of role expectations. Five of these seven differences involved Guidance Graduates (Group VII) who indicated significantly lower Nomothetic expectations than all groups with the exception of Teacher Training

Undergraduates (Group I). The higher median for all groups on the Idiographic dimension of role expectations may have accounted for the fact that no significant differences were found between groups on that dimension.

2. Do the school related groups in this study differ significantly on the dimensions of personal need-dispositions involved in interpersonal relationships? (Hypotheses 1-B, 3-B, and 4-B)

There were no significant differences between groups on the Expressed Inclusion and Wanted Control dimensions of personal need-dispositions. Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) scored significantly higher on the Wanted Inclusion dimension than all other groups with the exception of School Administrators (Group IV). Female Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) also scored significantly higher than female Teachers (Group II) and female Education Graduates (Group VI) on the Wanted Inclusion dimension. Female Education Graduates (Group VI) scored significantly lower than male respondents of the same group on the Expressed Affection dimension, and significantly lower than female Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) on the same dimension. School Administrators (Group IV) scored significantly higher than Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I), Teachers (Group II), and Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V) on the Expressed Control dimension. Differences between groups classified as high in professional years of experience were found on the Wanted Affection dimension. Guidance Graduates (Group VII) were high while Educational Administration Graduates (Group III) were low, and significant differences were also found between Educational Administration Graduates (Group III) themselves on the Wanted Affection dimension. Lower median scores on the Wanted Inclusion, Expressed Control,

and Expressed Affection dimensions may have had an effect on the significant differences between groups relative to personal need-dispositions.

3. Do the school related groups in this study differ significantly in their perception of the occurrence of specific activities involved in interpersonal relationship situations? (Hypotheses 1-C-a, 3-C-a, and 4-C-a)

There were significant differences between Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I). Teachers (Group II), and Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V) who perceived Idiographic behavior on the part of the principal in the problem situation to "happen" as opposed to the perception of Education Graduates (Group VI) and Guidance Graduates (Group VII) who indicated that it "did not happen." Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V) perceived the principal Expressed Control while Teachers (Group II) did not perceive this action to "happen." Male Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) and male Teachers (Group II) perceived Idiographic behavior to "happen" while male Education Graduates (Group VI) perceived this behavior "did not happen." Female Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I) and female Education Graduates (Group VI) differed significantly with female Teachers (Group II) concerning the perception of the occurrence of Expressed Inclusion and Expressed Control dimensions. Differences between groups classified as high in professional years of experience were found particularly concerning the perception of the occurrence of Expressed Affection and Wanted Affection dimensional behavior.

4. Do the school related groups in this study differ significantly in evaluating the success and desirability of specific administrative activity involved in interpersonal relationship situations? (Hypotheses 1-C-b-c, 3-C-b-c, and 4-C-b-c)

Although significant differences were found between various groups

concerning the "success" and "desirability" of the dimensions regarding perception, it is of particular interest to note on TABLE XX that the appearance of School Administrators (Group IV) is consistently on the affirmative side of the significant differences while Teachers (Group II) appear on the negative side with but one exception — they perceived the success of Wanted Control. Teachers (Group II) were consistent in their response pattern regardless of their classification.

5. What is the relationship between the school related groups in this study classified in terms of high and low scores on role expectation and need-disposition dimensions and their perception of the occurrence, success, and desirability of specific activities involving these dimensions in the problem situation? (Hypotheses 2-A, 3-D, and 4-D)

No significant differences were found concerning the perception of the problem situation between groups classified as scoring above the median on the supplementary independent variables of role expectation and need-disposition dimensions. There were no significant differences in the perception of the problem situation with the group respondents classified as high and low on role expectation and need-disposition dimensions. However, significant response differences were found between groups classified as scoring at the median or below on the supplementary independent variables with greater differences found on "desirability" of the dimensional statement than on "success." Guidance Graduates (Group VII) indicated the "desirability" of the Expressed Inclusion, Wanted Inclusion, and Wanted Control dimensions which they perceived "did not happen" in the filmed problem. Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V) perceived the occurrence and "desirability" of Expressed and Wanted Affection significantly different from Teachers (Group II), Educational Administration Graduates (Group III), School

Administrators (Group IV), and Guidance Graduates (Group VII). It is clearly evident that Teachers (Group II) were involved in more significant differences than any other group of participants in the present study. Their consistent negative response regarding the perceived "success" and "desirability" of the principal's behavior was apparent in the significant differences shown in the tables.

Based on the findings of the present study, these major distinguishing characteristics of the seven school related groups were found:

Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group I)

Undergraduate college students beginning teacher training ranked low on the normative (Nomothetic) dimension of role expectations. They tended to be individuals who want others to include them in group activity (Wanted Inclusion) and not to want to exert control over the behavior of others (Expressed Control) in group situations. In interpersonal situations they tended to perceive normative, role-oriented behavior (Nomothetic) and the need for being included by others (Wanted Inclusion) as "desirable," but the need for others to be in control (Wanted Control) as "undesirable." In addition, in the filmed situation they perceived the behaviors directed toward the consideration of personal needs (Idiographic) and seeking control (Wanted Control) as being "unsuccessful." Teachers (Group II)

Experienced teachers presently employed indicated a strong tendency to agree with the normative dimension (Nomothetic) of role expectations. They tended to lack the desire to have others include them in group activity (Wanted Inclusion) and to direct the activity of others (Expressed Control). They indicated a strong negative reaction toward the perception of the "success" and "desirability" of the administrative

behavior in the problem situation. They further indicated that if the principal had wanted others to be in control of the situation (Wanted Control), the problem would have been handled more successfully.

Educational Administration Graduates (Group III)

Graduate college students in educational administration indicated differences within their group on the ideal concepts of normative (Nomothetic) role expectations held for an administrator and regarding the desire to have others be close and personal with them (Wanted Affection) when classified according to professional years of experience. They tended to indicate little desire for having others include them in group activity (Wanted Inclusion). In the filmed interpersonal situation they perceived wanting to include others (Expressed Inclusion) and wanting to be included by others (Wanted Inclusion) as both "successful" and "desirable," but perceived the need for wanting others to control (Wanted Control), to express a close personal relationship (Wanted Affection), and the desire to establish friendly relations with others (Expressed Affection) as neither "successful" nor "desirable."

School Administrators (Group IV)

Experienced school administrators presently employed indicated strong agreement with the institutional or normative dimension (Nomothetic) of ideal concepts of a principal's administrative role. They indicated a desire to be in control of group activity (Expressed Control). They perceived behavior directed toward the consideration of individual needs in the problem situation (Idiographic) as "successful." They tended to perceive normative, role-oriented behavior (Nomothetic), the desire for wanting to be included by others (Wanted Inclusion), and the establishment of friendly relations with others (Expressed

Affection) as "desirable" behavior. Their general pattern of perception indicated a positive reaction toward the administrative behavior in the filmed problem situation.

## Non-Teacher Training Undergraduates (Group V)

Undergraduate non-teacher training college students indicated agreement with the normative (Nomothetic) dimension regarding ideal concepts of a principal's administrative role. They indicated little desire for having others include them in group activity (Wanted Inclusion) or for directing group activity (Expressed Control). They perceived as being "desirable" the normative, role-oriented behavior (Nomothetic), the desire for others to control group activity (Wanted Control), the expression of warmth and friendliness toward others (Expressed Affection), and the desire of having others express friendliness (Wanted Affection). Behavior directed toward the consideration of personal needs (Idiographic) was perceived as neither "successful" nor "desirable."

#### Education Graduates (Group VI)

Graduate college students in education were in agreement with the normative (Nomothetic) dimension of role expectations held for a school principal. They showed little desire for wanting others to include them in their group activity (Wanted Inclusion) and the male and female members of the group differed significantly regarding the expression of warmth and friendliness toward others (Expressed Affection). Behaviors directed toward the personal needs of individuals (Idiographic) and the expression of warmth and friendliness toward others (Expressed Affection) were not perceived as occurring in the filmed problem situation, but "would have been successful" had they occurred. Wanting to be included in the group activity of others (Wanted Inclusion), having others direct group activity

(Wanted Control) and express warmth and friendliness (Wanted Affection) were not perceived as being "desirable."

## Guidance Graduates (Group VII)

Graduate college students in the Guidance Institute indicated strong tendencies of disagreement with the concept of normative (Nomothetic) administrative role behavior. They indicated little desire to have others include them in group activity (Wanted Inclusion). They did not perceive the occurrence of behavior which indicated a desire to include others in group activity (Expressed Inclusion) or wanting to be included in group activity (Wanted Inclusion), but they indicated that such interpersonal relationships "would have been desirable."

In addition, they did not perceive the occurrence of behavior indicating a desire to have others take charge of group activity (Wanted Control), but perceived that it "would have been successful" and "desirable" if it had occurred.

The findings as presented in this summary indicate that the hypotheses put forth to be tested in this study may be rejected only in regard to the individual comparisons between groups found to be significantly different on the dimensions indicated.

#### Conclusions

This study has employed a research design within a theoretical framework in an effort to discover the relationship between the personal characteristics of individuals in school related groups representing various status, training, and specialization levels and their perception of administrative behavior in interpersonal relationships. The major

conclusions resulting from an interpretation of the study findings are as follows:

#### Role Expectations and Need-Dispositions

- 1. Role expectations of the Nomothetic or normative dimension indicated significant differences between the school related groups while those of the Idiographic or personal dimension indicated no differences. Generally speaking there seemed to be a high degree of agreement among individuals and groups concerning the nature and importance of the personal and idiosyncratic aspects (Idiographic) of interpersonal relationships, while they tended to differ in regard to the normative role and structured dimensions of behavior concerned with attaining the goals of the social system.
- 2. Undergraduate college students beginning teacher training were generally the most atypical of all groups studied. They were particularly divergent in their strong desire to have others include them in social activities but with no accompanying reciprocal strong desire to include others in their own activities. This phenomenon suggests that individuals entering teacher education and training not only tend to be different from their undergraduate colleagues, but also significantly different in their interpersonal needs from the more experienced teachers. In addition, the data indicate that teachers tend to become more like others, except school administrators, with an increase in experience and training.
- 3. Graduate college students in the Guidance Institute did not perceive Nomothetic role expectations as ideal concepts of a

principal's role. This indicates the possibility of a primary orientation toward a consideration of the personal needs and individual aspects involved in group goal attainment.

## Perception of Interpersonal Relationships

- 1. The data tended to substantiate the observations made by those writers in the field of Educational Administration who point out that in the work situation antagonism may exist between the administrators and the teachers employed in a school system. School Administrators (Group IV) perceived the behavior of the administrator in the problem situation as being both "successful" and "desirable." Teachers (Group II), on the other hand, indicated that not only what the administrator did, but also what he could have done was or would have been both "unsuccessful" and "undesirable." This anti-administrative syndrome was further reinforced by the strong tendency of teachers to perceive that if the principal had wanted others to control the situation, the problem might have been handled in a more successful manner. It is possible that the sympathy and identification by respondents with the individuals in the stimulus problem who represented their own corresponding work position may have contributed to these differences in perception between administrators and teachers.
- 2. Although there were no differences between groups on the Idiographic or personal dimension of role expectations held for a school principal, the largest number of differences in perception between the school related groups involved this dimension. This

suggests that while groups generally agreed that personal considerations by a school principal are ideal, their perception of personal considerations given in an actual situation tended to reflect their school related position. Graduate students did not perceive Idiographic behavior as "happening" while undergraduate students perceived it did "happen." Administrators perceived Idiographic behavior as "successful," but teachers perceived behavior of this dimension as "unsuccessful" in the filmed problem situation.

- 3. A greater number of perception differences between groups involved Wanted Inclusion, Control, and Affection rather than the Expressed behavior in these dimensional terms. This may tend to reflect a dependency upon others; a sort of expected "social security" provided by others without a reciprocal complementary expression of like behavior on their part toward others.
- 4. The criteria for classifying individual participants in this study according to seven school related groups were broad and general. The total of 140 differences in perception between groups would indicate that while perception is a personal, individual phenomenon, there are general characteristics of groups which may influence their perception of specific situations involving interpersonal relationships in the work situation of the nature suggested by the dimensions considered in the present study.

#### Implications

The findings suggest the following implications for the study of interpersonal relationships:

- 1. Information obtained in the present study suggests the utility of the theory and basic structure of the research design in further study of interpersonal relationships in educational administration. Since differences in perception between groups were primarily concerned with the "success" and "desirability" of the observed administrative behavior, factors in the respondent's frame of reference which were not included in this investigation may have influenced his perception. More specific differences would be noted when considering the dimensions utilized in this study as individual rather than group phenomena.
- 2. The findings reveal that the school administrator must recognize the differences in role expectations held for administrators by the various school related groups, and that these differences are related to their perception of the specific administrative activity in which he is involved. Not only must he be sensitive to the complex of interrelated forces and factors in his working situation, but his success as an administrator is related to his own perception of the actual demands and expectations of the various reference groups which influence his decisions in specific administrative activity.
- 3. The data indicate that administrators and researchers should exercise caution regarding the extent to which general role

- expectations tend to predict actual perceptions of specific behaviors in a particular interpersonal situation. The relationships between role expectations and need-dispositions are specific in terms of dimension, group, perception, and the reaction desired from respondents.
- 4. Individuals investigating the perception of interpersonal relationships should utilize or design instruments which will allow for projective techniques to give additional insights regarding the actual interpretation of the interpersonal situation by the respondent, and to serve as a check on the validity of the structured dimensions of the instruments employed.
- 5. There may have been significant differences between groups on the sub-score level of role expectation and need-disposition dimensions, and on the administrative task levels regarding perception which were not found to be significant in the present study by the methods and analyses employed. A consideration of the perception on an individual rather than on a group basis may reveal additional information regarding the relationship of role expectations and need-dispositions to the perception of the filmed problem situation.
- 6. The use of simulated materials within a theoretical framework of investigation provides a common stimulus, readily
  available for varied analyses. Variations and flexibility
  in the use of case materials of various kinds provide opportunity
  for behavioral studies of specific situations. Numerous
  facets of educational administration may be observed and

analyzed in conjunction with specific research objectives.

#### Suggestions for Further Study

The conclusions and implications of the present study suggest more refined and intensive investigations considering the following recommendations:

- 1. The nature of role expectations and need-dispositions and the perception of specific behavior of an administrator in a specific situation suggest that the interrelationships which exist be observed and analyzed on an individual basis, by dimension and by total perceptual pattern rather than on a group basis.
- 2. It appears to be advisable to include additional information in the investigation relative to the individual's general values and conceptual frame of reference which may influence his cognitive style. This added information may be of value in the identification of elements related to and influencing his perception.
- 3. An intensive analysis should be employed to consider the variations in perception occurring within the same person over a specified period of time, covering identical and differing simulated situations.
- 4. The unstructured response to the simulated stimulus situation would provide information for individualized analysis in an attempt to identify the cognitive style of the respondent.
- 5. Reversing the order of responding to structured and unstructured reactions to specific interpersonal situations, the use

of other media in presenting case study material, and the development and refinement of instruments to be used with specific case study materials are within the realm of possibility.

#### Concluding Remarks

Much has been written concerning the importance of human relations in the administration of an organization and in the achievement of organizational goals. A number of instruments have been developed to investigate the extent to which selected dimensions of human relations exist and are taken into consideration in specified situations. This study has been an attempt to add some additional insight into the relationship between given individual and group characteristics and the extent to which these same characteristics are reflected in the perception of a specific interpersonal relationship situation. The study is viewed as one of the intermediate steps in the general attempt to study the on-the-job predictability of selected individual and group characteristics.

The writer believes that the use of simulated materials not only tends to improve the effectiveness of programs preparing school administrators and teachers, but also provides a ready means for obtaining information about the predictability of perceptions and present or future overt behaviors. The present study has at least demonstrated one method of utilizing simulated materials to discover group differences in perception, and differences between perception and given group characteristics. It is believed that this demonstration has outlined several of the advantages and difficulties involved in such a study. The present study hints

at the potential usefulness of the data so obtained in identifying hypotheses for further inquiry. The study also suggests the vastness of our ignorance in the area of predictability of perception and human behavior. It is hoped that the data of this study will aid another researcher, teacher, or administrator in his search toward a better understanding of himself, of others, and of organizational behavior.

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#### APPENDIX A

	Respond	reur Monnoer
	BACKGROUND INFORMATION	
	The following information is required to classify res	ponses. No
inf	ormation will ever be used by any person or group other	than those
con	ducting this research.	
Nam		
	male	female
How	many years of teaching experience have you	
had	prior to the present school term?	No. of yrs.
How	many years of experience have you had as an	
<b>ad</b> m	inistrator in a school prior to the present term?	No. of yrs.
	SE CHECK ONE POSITION GROUP BELOW: (check the group wheribes your present position.)	ich best
		CHECK ONE
1.	A college student enrolled in initial courses in Education:	
2.	A teacher, presently employed in a school system:	
3.	A graduate college student enrolled in a course in educational administration, presently NOT holding an administrative position in a school system:	evilando in circuminato aproches con
4.	An administrator, presently employed in a school system:	

5. A college student, not enrolled in the College of Education:

Answer	Sheet	#3
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Res	pondent	No.	

#### PRINCIPAL ROLE BEHAVIOR -- C

People have different ideas about what school principals should do. Read through the items in the <u>Principal Role Behavior</u> Booklet and think about the extent to which you think a principal <u>should</u> carry out the task in the manner described in each item.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Indicate your responses to each item by CIRCLING the NUMBER THAT BEST REPRESENTS how often you think a PRINCIPAL should carry out the task in a school in the manner described.

Each Number in each Column refers to the frequency to which a PRINCIPAL should carry out the task in the manner described.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Usually	Often	Sometimes	Occasionally	Rarely	Never

#### SAMPLE

	ITEM IN BOOKLET	ANSWER SHEET #1
ı.	Try to get teachers who have at least two years of pre-	A Principal Should:
	vious teaching experience.	1 ② 3 4 5 6

NOW TURN THE PAGE AND INDICATE YOUR RESPONSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

#### ANSWER SHEET #1

Key:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Usually	Often	Sometimes	Occasionally	Rarely	Never

#### A Principal Should:

1.	1	2	3	4	5	6	17.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	1	2	3	4	5	6	18.	1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	1	2	3	4	5	6	19.	1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	1	2	3	4	5	6	20.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	1	2	3	4	5	6	21.	1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	1	2	3	4	5	6	22.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	1	2	3	4	5	6	23.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	1	2	3	4	5	6	24.	1	2	3	4	5	6
9.	1	2	3	4	5	6	25.	1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	1	2	3	4	5	6	26.	1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	1	2	3	4	5	6	27.	1	2	3	4	5	6
12.	1	2	3	4	5	6	28.	1	2	3	4	5	6
13.	1	2	3	4	5	6	29.	1	2	3	4	5	6
14.	1	2	3	4	5	6	30.	1	2	3	4	5	6
15.	1	2	3	4	5	6	31.	1	2	3	4	5	6
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#### PRINCIPAL ROLE BEHAVIOR - C

#### Statements

- 1. Discover changes that need to be made in the curriculum by keeping posted on new developments in teaching methods and in subject matter recommended by curriculum experts.
- 2. When planning how to improve the curriculum, check to see if the present program is making the best use of the interests and abilities of each teacher.
- 3. Have teachers make only those changes in the school's instructional program that have been adopted on a system wide basis.
- 4. Decide if a new instructional method should be introduced, by encouraging teachers to try it out and see if they think it is better than current methods, since each teacher knows best what methods are appropriate to students.
- 5. Get a change made in the instructional program by pointing out that the change has been officially adopted and that everyone should make the necessary changes in his work.
- 6. Help bring about curriculum changes by giving some free time to teachers who are trying out new ideas in their classes.
- 7. Evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum and of teaching according to how many teachers like what is going on, and then attempt to make changes in line with teachers' suggestions.
- 8. Evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum and teaching according to how well they meet established program objectives and make use of available instructional supplies and equipment.
- 9. Work individually with each teacher to help him identify possible ways for improving his classroom instruction.
- 10. Discover the professional weaknesses of teachers by visiting classes on a regular schedule to see how well teachers are using recommended methods and procedures.
- 11. Try to keep those teachers on the school staff who are willing to learn about some of the "new ideas" in education and like to try out their own ideas in the classroom.
- 12. Improve an obvious weakness in the abilities of teachers by setting up an in-service program found to be successful in other schools, even though some teachers feel the program imposes things on them contrary to their wishes.

- 13. Get teachers to upgrade their performance by urging them to display independence in carrying out their assigned job, using others' suggestions only when they can be integrated with their own goals and abilities.
- 14. Insist that a teacher participate in an in-service program favored by a majority of teachers, even if the teacher has disagreed with it, since no exceptions can be allowed in carrying out a group decision.
- 15. Evaluate teacher effectiveness on the basis of how much they follow school policies and procedures and carry out the planned program.
- 16. Evaluate teachers in the school on the basis of their ability to work cooperatively with other teachers.
- 17. Call attention to the need for favorable school-community relationships by pointing out that schools depend upon the financial support of citizens.
- 18. Find out how school-community relationships should be improved by asking teachers to list aspects of their life in the local community that are personally the most irritating and frustrating.
- 19. "Back up" the teacher in any public controversy between a teacher and a parent or between a teacher and a pupil.
- 20. Refer all important problems with parents to superiors, since they are best qualified by legal position and training to handle such critical issues.
- 21. Show extreme firmness in the control of the information and material given to parents and citizens, since it is important that citizens gain a favorable impression of our school program.
- 22. Keep in close touch with parents and teachers about school problems, pointing out that the best solution to school-community differences are usually achieved when everyone is encouraged to voice his own opinion.
- 23. Evaluate school-community relationships by finding out if teachers feel they have enough freedom in their personal lives in the community.
- 24. Decide how desirable our relationships are with local citizens by finding out what parents like and don't like about our program, because their lack of accurate information might interfere with carrying out the planned program.

- 25. Before making a change in what instructional supplies and equipment are purchased, discover if teachers feel that it is easy to adopt present materials to the various interests and abilities of students.
- 26. Find out if the administration of activity funds and instructional facilities needs to be improved by seeing how long it takes to cut through "red tape" when fast action is needed.
- 27. Adopt a system of records and reports only if it has been found to be satisfactory in other schools and school systems in the state.
- 28. Choose a system of requesting instructional materials and equipment that allows each teacher enough flexibility to select those he can adapt to his own particular work.
- 29. Try to improve the use of the guidance information we have on students by having several interested teachers study the problem and develop a series of suggestions that teachers may use as a guide.
- 30. Keep track of the use of school activity funds by setting up a central system of bookkeeping and periodic reports from teachers so any mis-management can be checked before it gets out of hand.
- 31. Find out if present methods of administering funds and instructional facilities provide sufficient information to the school board so that they can make meaningful decisions regarding the school program.
- 32. Judge a procedure for managing school materials and equipment according to how many teachers think it helps them carry out tasks and responsibilities they feel are important.

#### APPENDIX B

DO NOT MARK ON THIS QUESTION BOOKLET. Please place number of the answer to each item that best applies to you in the space opposite the appropriate item number on the answer sheet. Please be as honest as you can.

- 1. I try to be with people.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely 6. never
- 2. I let other people decide what to do.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 3. I join social groups.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 4. I try to have close relationships with people.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 5. I tend to join social organizations when I have an opportunity.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 6. I let other people strongly influence my actions.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 7. I try to be included in informal social activities.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 8. I try to have close, personal relationships with people.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 9. I try to include other people in my plans.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never
- 10. I let other people control my actions.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  - 6. never

- 11. I try to have people around me.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely 6. never
- 12. I try to get close and personal with people.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely 6. never
- 13. When people are doing things together I tend to join them.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely 6. never
- 14. I am easily led by people.
  - 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely 6. never
- 15. I try to avoid being alone.1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely6. never
- 16. I try to particpate in group activities.
- 1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely 6. never
- 17. I try to be friendly to people.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 18. I let other people decide what to do.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 19. My personal relations with people are cool and distant.
- 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 20. I let other people take charge of things.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 21. I try to have close relationships with people.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 22. I let other people strongly influence my actions.
- 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people
- 23. I try to get close and personal with people.
- 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people

- 24. I let other people control my actions.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 25. I act cool and distant with people.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 26. I am easily led by people.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 27. I try to have close, personal relationships with people.
- 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 28. I like people to invite me to things.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 29. I like people to act close and personal with me.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 30. I try to influence strongly other people's actions.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 31. I like people to invite me to join in their activities.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 32. I like people to act close toward me.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 33. I try to take charge of things when I am with people.
- 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 34. I like people to include me in their activities.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 35. I like people to act cool and distant toward me.
  - 1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 36. I try to have other people do things the way I want them done.
- l. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people

- 37. I like people to ask me to participate in their discussions.

  1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 38. I like people to act friendly toward me.

  1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody people people people people
- 39. I like people to invite me to participate in their activities.

  1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody
  people people people people
- 40. I like people to act distant toward me.
  1. most 2. many 3. some 4. a few 5. one or two 6. nobody
  people people people people

#### PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE AS HONEST AS YOU CAN

- 41. I try to be the dominant person when I am with people.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 42. I like people to invite me to things.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 43. I like people to act close toward me.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 44. I try to have other people do things I want done.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 45. I like people to invite me to join their activities.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 46. I like people to act cool and distant toward me.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 47. I try to influence strongly other people's actions.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 48. I like people to include me in their activities.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never

- 49. I like people to act close and personal with me.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 50. I try to take charge of things when I'm with people.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 51. I like people to invite me to participate in their activities.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 52. I like people to act distant toward me.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 53. I try to have other people do things the way I want them done.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never
- 54. I take charge of things when I'm with people.
  1. usually 2. often 3. sometimes 4. occasionally 5. rarely
  6. never

Respondent No.\_\_\_\_

### FIRO - B

#### ANSWER SHEET

		ANS	WER SHEET		
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13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	2 <b>8</b>	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42
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#### APPENDIX C

### PERCEPTION OF THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL IN THE FILM, "THE CONFERENCE"

On the following pages are some statements that describe some of the things a principal might do in his school. They MAY NOT have occurred in the problem situation shown in the film.

On PART I of the Answer Sheet, you are to indicate your perception of the situation in terms of:

- . . . Whether the statement is a description of WHAT HAPPENED
- . . . Whether it WAS SUCCESSFUL or WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL
- . . . Whether it <u>WAS DESIRABLE</u> or <u>WOULD HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE</u>

Your response will be according to the following key:

1 - Strongly Agree	Quite certain you agree with the statement.
2 - Agree	You tend to agree, but with reservations.
3 - Disagree	You tend to disagree, but not completely.

4 - Strongly Disagree Quite certain you disagree with the statement.

On PART II of the Answer Sheet, you are to select TWO ENDINGS to the sentences given with which you MOST AGREE, and select TWO ENDINGS with which you LEAST AGREE. You may also supply an additional ending.

On PART III of the Answer Sheet, you are to write a summary description of what took place in the conference.

This is not a test of your ability; neither are there "right" or "wrong" answers. Your answers will be seen and analyzed only by the members of the research staff at the Oklahoma State University.

#### REMEMBER

- 1. Read the item in this booklet and then respond to the item according to the directions given on the Answer Sheet. <u>Indicate</u> your <u>first</u> impression to the item <u>as</u> your <u>response</u>. Move along as <u>RAPIDLY</u> as you can.
- 2. Be SURE TO respond to ALL ITEMS on the two Answer Sheets for PART I.
- 3. Be SURE TO select TWO ENDINGS with which you MOST AGREE and select TWO ENDINGS with which you LEAST AGREE for the statements in PART II.
- 4. Be SURE TO write an adequate summary description of what took place in "The Conference" in your own words in PART III.

#### Thank you.

### PERCEPTION OF THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL IN THE FILM, "THE CONFERENCE"

#### Please precede each statement with:

#### IN THIS PROBLEM SITUATION, PRINCIPAL O'SHEA . . .

- 1. . expected Miss Leduc and Miss Fine to follow the established rules and regulations of the school.
- 2. . indicated that he believed in a flexible school program that allowed for special interests and abilities of teachers.
- 3. . attempted to contribute significantly to the discussion of the major issues of the problem of differences between Miss Fine and Miss Leduc.
- 4. . wanted Miss Fine and Miss Leduc to bring the issues of the problem to his attention.
- 5. . tried to influence the behavior of Miss Leduc and Miss Fine.
- 6. . let the actions of Miss Fine and Miss Leduc strongly influence his behavior.
- 7. . believed that the best solution to the problem would be developed if he expressed a friendly attitude toward Miss Fine and Miss Leduc.
- 8. . wanted both Miss Fine and Miss Leduc, as well as the secretary, to think well of him.
- 9. . expected teachers to follow the recommendations of curriculum experts and supervisors in their teaching procedures.
- 10. . encouraged Miss Fine and Miss Leduc to use teaching methods they believed to be best for their class, and to try new methods of instruction occasionally.
- ll. . arranged the conference with Miss Fine and Miss Leduc to discuss the problems of teaching foreign language.
- 12. . felt he should be asked to participate in the discussion of the program of foreign language instruction.
- 13. . tried to take charge in resolving the problem of differences in teaching methods being discussed.

#### Please precede each statement with:

#### IN THIS PROBLEM SITUATION, PRINCIPAL O'SHEA . . .

- 14. . preferred to let supervisors and teachers decide what action he should take in resolving curriculum difficulties.
- 15. . tried to maintain a close, personal relationship with both Miss Fine and Miss Leduc, at least during the early part of the conference.
- 16. . wanted Miss Leduc and Miss Fine to express an appreciation toward him for his beliefs in matters of curriculum.
- 17. . expected teachers to follow the established channels of communication.
- 18. . made allowances for individual differences of staff members in the understanding and attention given to administrative communication.
- 19. . called the conference in order to include Miss Leduc and Miss Fine in arriving at a decision concerning the problem.
- 20. . liked to be asked by staff members to assist them with solutions to their problems.
- 21. . tried to control the discussion by directing attention to specific issues.
- 22. . let the control of the discussion be determined by other group members.
- 23. . chose his words carefully to maintain friendliness with Miss Fine and Miss Leduc.
- 24. . wanted Miss Fine and Miss Leduc to reflect personal friendliness toward him in their statements.
- 25. . expected Miss Leduc and Miss Fine to make the necessary personal adjustments to meet the expectations held for their staff positions.
- 26. . overlooked the faults of both Miss Fine and Miss Leduc, attempting to make use of their strengths while helping them with their weaknesses.

#### Please precede each statement with:

#### IN THIS PROBLEM SITUATION, PRINCIPAL O'SHEA . . .

- 27. . took the initiative by calling Miss Leduc and Miss Fine into the conference in an attempt to bring about improvement in their interpersonal relationships.
- 28. . wanted to have an active part in working out problems related to staff morale.
- 29. . followed his plan with persistence in his attempt to resolve the grievances of Miss Leduc and Miss Fine.
- 30. . wanted to be advised concerning the position he should take concerning the problem.
- 31. . tried to maintain a friendly, warm atmosphere with Miss Fine and Miss Leduc by behaving as he thought they expected him to behave.
- 32. . showed concern about having Miss Leduc and Miss Fine maintain a friendly, cooperative attitude toward him.
- 33. . tended to evaluate teacher effectiveness on the basis of the extent to which they followed school policies, procedures, and planned programs.
- 34. . tended to evaluate teachers on their ability to work cooperatively with other staff members.
- 35. . held the conference with Miss Fine and Miss Leduc in order to participate in the evaluation of the foreign language instruction.
- 36. . felt he should be present when Miss Fine and Miss Leduc evaluated their activities in the foreign language program.
- 37. guided the discussion to keep attention focused on the real problem.
- 38. . desired the evaluations of others to guide him in taking a stand concerning the teaching of foreign language.
- 39. . showed a personal concern to reflect courtesy and friendliness toward Miss Fine and Miss Leduc in statements about the foreign language program.
- 40. . wanted staff members to express their appreciation of his leadership in matters of importance to the entire school program.

#### PART I ANSWER SHEET #1

Respondent No.

PERCEPTION OF THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL IN THE FILM, "THE CONFERENCE"

Key: Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

ALL RESPONDENTS: Please CIRCLE the NUMBER in the first column to indicate the extent to which the statement describes your perception of WHAT HAPPENED in the film.

: If you choose item 1 or 2 in the first column, CIRCLE RESPONDENTS : ONLY items in COLUMN 1 and COLUMN 2. DO NOT MARK IN CHOOSING ITEM

#1 or #2 : COLUMNS 3 and 4.

RESPONDENTS : If you choose item 3 or 4 in the first column, CIRCLE CHOOSING ITEM ONLY items in COLUMN 3 and COLUMN 4. DO NOT MARK IN #3 or #4 COLUMNS 1 and 2.

	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2 COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4
THIS HAPPENED	IT WAS SUCCESSFUL	IT WAS WOULD HAVE DESIRABLE BEEN SUCCESSFUL	WOULD HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE
1. 1 2 1 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
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3. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1234 1234	1234
4. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1234
5. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1234
6. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1234
7. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
8. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
9. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1234
10. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1234
11. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4   1 2 3 4	1234
12. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
13. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1234 1234	1 2 3 4
14. 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1234 1234	1 2 3 4
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Respondent No.\_\_\_\_

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ANSWER	SHEET	#2

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THIS HAPPENED			IT WAS SUCCESSFUL			IT WAS DESIRABLE						
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35. 1	2	3	4	1	2	3.	4		1	2	3	4
36. 1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
37. 1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
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#### PART II--ANSWER SHEET #1

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DIR	E <b>CTIO</b> NS	Read the following five items and indicate your response by placing a PLUS MARK (+) before the TWO ENDINGS with which you MOST AGREE, and place a ZERO (0) before the TWO ENDINGS with which you LEAST AGREE. You may also supply an ending of your own in the blank provided.					
1.		ing to resolve the personal differences between Miss Fine and educ, Principal O'Shea should have					
	a.	emphasized the conduct expected of teachers in the school system.					
	b.	pointed out the advantages and desirability of individual differences of teachers on the school staff.					
	c.	met with them at the time he first knew of their differences.					
	d.	let them call him to help resolve their personal differences.					
	e.	told each teacher what to do in order to settle the differences.					
	f.	let them settle their differences privately.					
	g.	established closer relationship with each of them.					
	h. Other:	expected them to show a more friendly attitude toward him.					
2.		ning the differences in teaching methods used by Miss Fine and educ, Principal O'Shea should have					
	a.	definitely stated what teaching methods were acceptable and not acceptable according to school policy.					
	b.	permitted each teacher to use teaching methods they considered to be most appropriate.					
	c.	met with them for the purpose of curriculum planning.					
	d.	let them ask his advice instead of calling the conference.					
	e.	told each teacher which method to use.					
	f.	let each do what she felt was best.					
	g.	shown a personal interest in each teacher's preferred method.					
	h.	kept on friendly terms with each teacher in spite of differences.					

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have .	• •
a.	emphasized teachers' obligations to follow the established regulations.
b.	encouraged teachers to ask for clarification of directions when needed.
c.	met with teacher groups to give specific information.
d.	made himself available for consultation with teachers' discussion groups.
e.	been explicitly clear about the things he wanted teachers to do.
f.	allowed for individual interpretation of his directives.
g.	communicated in a more friendly way with them.
h.	given opportunity to teachers to discuss personal problems
	with him.
OTHER:	
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5. In evaluating the situation in his school, Principal O'She should have	ea
a. considered the teachers' compliance with school poland procedure.	licy
b. based his decisions on how teachers cooperated with staff members.	h other
c. consulted others for their opinions before formula his own.	ting
d. invited the opinions of many staff members.	
e. expressed his definite opinions about strengths and weaknesses.	d
f. asked his superintendent what should be done.	
g. indicated his personal interest in coming to know teacher's problem.	each
h. encouraged teachers to tell him what they liked about his job.	out the
Other:	**************************************

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#### PART III

IN YOUR OWN WORDS, write a very brief descriptive summary (150 - 200 words) of the problem situation presented in the film, "The Conference." To make a good narrative about what took place, you may add, or explain things as you wish.

USE ONLY THE SPACE BELOW and write at your usual writing pace. Take no more than 15 or 20 minutes. When you finish, read what you have written.

REMEMBER -- This is NOT A TEST of your ability, but do a good job anyway.

#### APPENDIX D

#### CHI-SQUARE VALUES FOR MAJOR INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 2 x 7 CONTINGENCY TABLES\*

#### Key to Abbreviations

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I Idiographic EIExpressed Inclusion WI Wanted Inclusion EC Expressed Control WC Wanted Control ΕA Expressed Affection WA Wanted Affection Η Happened DH Didn't Happen S Successful WHBS Would Have Been Successful

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Would Have Been Desirable WHBD

Hi High Dimensional Classification Low Dimensional Classification Lo \* Significant chi-square at .05 level

#### Supplementary Independent Variables

18.3062\* 2.0079 I -EI -8.5603 WI -14.0914\* 11.5814 EC -WC -6.6699 EA -5.7933 WA -6.6181

<sup>\*</sup> Chi-square significant at .05 level

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Column 1			Column 2
N-H	_	5.1742	EI-Lo-H-S - 7.1254
N-S	-	6.5344	EI-Lo-H-D - 2.0036
N-D	-	11.1805	EI-Lo-DH-WHBS - 7.4655
		15.6613*	EI-Lo-DH-WHBD - 15.9130*
-	-	17.9554*	WI-Hi-H-S - 10.4952
		9.8687	WI-Hi-H-D - 8.3933
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	_	4.4640	WI-Lo-H-D - 8.3912
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	_	8.8351	EC-Hi-H-D - 7.6287
	<del>-</del>	5.6274	EC-Hi-DH-WHBS - 3.9396
WC-H		5.7837	EC-Hi-DH-WHBD - 9.1724
WC-S	-	9.5614	EC-Lo-H-S - 8.6715
WC-D	_	10.6328	EC-Lo-H-D - 4.2923
EA-H	-	6.0146	EC-Lo-DH-WHBS - 4.3007
	-	8.2145	EC-Lo-DH-WHBD - 4.8553
	-	12.3460	WC-Hi-H-S - 2.6240
WA-H	_	7.9724	WC-Hi-H-D - 6.2580
	-	7.4418	WC-Hi-DH-WHBS - 10.1390
WA-D	_	13.3867*	WC-Hi-DH-WHBD - 8.2111
N-Hi-H-S	_	5.9751	WC-Lo-H-S - 10.2649
		4.2321	WC-Lo-H-D - 2.2165
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		4.8574	WA-Hi-DH-WHBD - 5.9781
	_	9.9619	WA-Lo-H-S - 9.8951
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<sup>\*</sup> Chi-square significant at .05 level

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EC	-	4.0265		PT 1 11 0
WC	_	1.0610		EI-Lo-H-S
				EI-Lo-H-D - 2.2230
EA	_	.4281		EI-Lo-DH-WHBS - 1.2838
WA	-	2.4033		EI-Lo-DH-WHBD - 2.9169
N-H	-	2.2288		WI-Hi-H-S - 2.9346
N-S		.0031		WI-Hi-H-D - 1.1415
N-D		2.0817		WI-Hi-DH-WHBS - 2.9169
I-H		12.2713*	<del>(</del>	WI-Hi-DH-WHBD - 2.1007
I-S	_	3.8921		WI-Lo-H-S0008
I-D		3.0434		WI-Lo-H-D7955
EI-H		1.5675		WI-Lo-DH-WHBS - 2.1020
EI-S		.1697		WI-Lo-DH-WHBD - 7.0036*
EI-D		2.6521		TO III II C
	_			EC-Hi-H-S
WI-H		1.0610		EC-Hi-H-D - 3.9998
WI-S	_	3.3923		EC-Hi-DH-WHBS9177
WI-D	-	4.0623		EC-Hi-DH-WHBD0008
EC-H		2.9373		EC-Lo-H-S - 1.6067
EC-S	-	1.0805		EC-Lo-H-D - 1.5000
EC-D	_	.3803		EC-Lo-DH-WHBS - 1.3332
WC-H	_	. 9626		EC-Lo-DH-WHBD - 4.0000
WC-S		3.4477		WC-Hi-H-S9177
WC-D		1.3071		WC-Hi-H-D - 4.9514
EA-H		2.5019	_	WC-Hi-DH-WHBS - 3.0006
EA-S	_	2.1867		WC-Hi-DH-WHBD7502
EA-D	. –	2.0545		• •
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WA-H	-	.1795		WC-Lo-H-D0009
WA-S	****	.7874		WC-Lo-DH-WHBS4823
WA-D	-	2.7953		WC-Lo-DH-WHBD - 1.5293
N-Hi-H-S	-	••••		EA-Hi-H-S - 2.1826
N-Hi-H-D	_	1.1424		EA-Hi-H-D6012
N-Hi-DH-WHBS	_	• • • • •		EA-Hi-DH-WHBS6011
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N-Lo-H-D	· _	1.1249		EA-Lo-H-D0009
N-Lo-DH-WHBS		••••		EA-Lo-DH-WHBS - 4.4440
N-Lo-DH-WHBD	_	••••		EA-Lo-DH-WHBD - 1.9045
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I-Hi-DH-WHBD		.0001		WA-Hi-DH-WHBD - 3.0005
I-Lo-H-S		.1948		WA-Lo-H-S0030
I-Lo-H-D		.8756		WA-Lo-H-D3720
I-Lo-DH-WHBS	-	.7781		WA-Lo-DH-WHBS - 1.3338
I-Lo-DH-WHBD		2.6271		WA-Lo-DH-WHBD7507
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ΕI		4.5057		EI-Hi-DH-WHBS -	.4442
WI	_	11.9265*		EI-Hi-DH-WHBD -	
EC		.3905		EI-Lo-H-S -	3.2504
MC EO		.0583		EI-Lo-H-D -	.4343
		9.7868*		EI-Lo-DH-WHBS -	1.8777
EA	_			EI-Lo-DH-WHBD -	3.2221
WA	-	3.5959		WI-Hi-H-S -	.0029
N-H		4.0789		WI-Hi-H-D -	
N-S		1.8826			3.3651
N-D	_	3.6591		WI-Hi-DH-WHBS -	.8332
I-H		.6424		WI-Hi-DH-WHBD -	1.8750
I-S		4.6377		WI-Lo-H-S -	1.0432
I-D	_	2.4919		WI-Lo-H-D -	2 <b>.</b> 7 <b>784</b>
EI-H	_	7.1945*		WI-Lo-DH-WHBS -	.8332
EI-S		.7603		WI-Lo-DH-WHBD -	.8332
EI-D		2.9457		EC-Hi-H-S -	.0005
WI-H		1.0348		EC-Hi-H-D -	1.5560
	_			EC-Hi-DH-WHBS -	3.6010
WI-S		.3605		EC-Hi-DH-WHBD -	2.2501
WI-D		10.4170*			
EC-H	-	9.1112*		EC-Lo-H-S -	4.3130
EC-S	-	4.2495		EC-Lo-H-D -	1.1104
EC-D	_	2 <b>.</b> 92 <b>08</b>		EC-Lo-DH-WHBS -	2.4999
WC-H	_	.1147		EC-Lo-DH-WHBD -	1.2092
WC-S		2.9208		WC-Hi-H-S -	2.4007
WC-D	-	5.7570		WC-Hi-H-D -	
EA-H		2.8199		WC-Hi-DH-WHBS -	7.9999*
EA-S		5.2015		WC-Hi-DH-WHBD -	4.4441
EA-D		4.7488		WC-Lo-H-S -	5.5791
		1.2442		WC-Lo-H-D -	.4648
WA-H	-			WC-Lo-DH-WHBS -	2.0025
WA-S	_	1.2276		WC-Lo-DH-WHBD -	6.3146*
WA-D		4.6798			
N-Hi-H-S	-	.9668		EA-Hi-H-S -	.5768
N-Hi-H-D	-	.1772		EA-Hi-H-D -	1.3631
N-Hi-DH-WHBS				EA-Hi-DH-WHBS -	3.0009
N-Hi-DH-WHBD	-	• • • •		EA-Hi-DH-WHBD -	.7507
N-Lo-H-S		5.9776		EA-Lo-H-S -	2.3460
N-Lo-H-D	_	8.1644*		EA-Lo-H-D -	2.8568
N-Lo-DH-WHBS	****			EA-Lo-DH-WHBS -	3.9308
N-Lo-DH-WHBD		• • • •		EA-Lo-DH-WHBD -	2.5269
I-Hi-H-S		1.3332		WA-Hi-H-S -	6.6685*
I-Hi-H-D				WA-Hi-H-D -	4.7694
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I-Lo-H-S	_	4.4442		WA-Lo-H-S -	.0024
I-Lo-H-D	-	4.4442		WA-Lo-H-D -	1.2742
I-Lo-DH-WHBS		5.8715		WA-Lo-DH-WHBS -	1.5016
I-Lo-DH-WHBD		1.1475		WA-Lo-DH-WHBD -	3.4307
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EI		2.1207		EI-Hi-DH-WHBS	
WI	_	3.6190		EI-Hi-DH-WHBD	• •
EC		6.1695		EI-Lo-H-S	- - 2.9742
MC		5.9238		EI-Lo-H-D	- 2.9530
EA		6.8503		EI-Lo-DH-WHBS	
WA		10.5571*		EI-Lo-DH-WHBD	
N-H		1.4362		WI-Hi-H-S	0022
N-S		1.6840		WI-Hi-H-D	- 2.7576
N-D		6.8167		WI-Hi-DH-WHBS	
I-H		3.8522		WI-Hi-DH-WHBD	
I-S	_	9.0164		WI-Lo-H-S	
I-D		2.3192		WI-Lo-H-D	- 4.3733 5.5035
	_			WI-LO-DH-WHBS	- 5.5035
EI-H	-	2.8507		WI-Lo-DH-WHBD	
EI-S	_	1.0010		EC-Hi-H-S	- 2.5919 0003
EI-D	_	6.2375		EC-Hi-H-D	- 9.0017
WI-H	-	1.1267		EC-Hi-DH-WHBS	
WI-S		12.9257*	-	EC-Hi-DH-WHBD	
WI-D	-	10.5891*		EC-Lo-H-S	- 9.596 <b>8</b> * - 3.9636
EC-H		3.1011		EC-Lo-H-D	
EC-S	-	9.5904*	_	EC-Lo-DH-WHBS	<ul><li>4.1638</li><li>6.2727</li></ul>
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WC-H	_	3.6150			
WC-S	-	1.7854		WC-Hi-H-S WC-Hi-H-D	- 1.3442
WC-D	•••	.6560		WC-Hi-DH-WHBS	- 2.4062 - 4.9604
EA-H	_	8.9902		WC-Hi-DH-WHBD	
EA-S	***	10.6475*		WC-Lo-H-S	<ul><li>7.0024</li><li>1.1632</li></ul>
EA-D	_	3.6322		WC-Lo-H-D	- 3.8553
WA-H	_	13.3631*		WC-Lo-DH-WHBS	
WA-S		4.3077		WC-Lo-DH-WHBD	8909
WA-D		5.4448		EA-Hi-H-S	- 3.9521
N-Hi-H-S	_	3.7185		EA-Hi-H-D	- 2.6194
N-Hi-H-D	-	6.2630		EA-Hi-DH-WHBS	
N-Hi-DH-WHBS	-	3.0005		EA-Hi-DH-WHBD	
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N-Lo-DH-WHBD		1.1418		WA-Hi-H-S	- 1.6662
I-Hi-H-S	_	7.9996		WA-Hi-H-D	- 3.7500
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N =	_	10.9480*			EI-Hi-H-S	_	.0025
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<u>I</u> _	-	1.7006			EI-Hi-H-D		3.9610
EI	-	2.9905			EI-Hi-DH-WHBS		2.9162
WI		2.3171			EI-Hi-DH-WHBD	_	
EC		7.7896			EI-Lo-H-S		1.9612
WC		3.6410			EI-Lo-H-D		1.1175
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EA	-	. 9991				_	5.9855
WA	-	5.0716			EI-Lo-DH-WHBD	_	18.2566*
N-H		5.7005			WI-Hi-H-S		
N-S		.0179			WI-Hi-H-D		4.1831
N-D		2.5641			WI-Hi-DH-WHBS		3.2141
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I-H		6.6987			WI-Hi-DH-WHBD	_	9.0017
I-S		12.8235*			WI-Lo-H-S		1.3644
I-D	-	4.1030			WI-Lo-H-D		2.9265
EI-H	_	6.2264			WI-Lo-DH-WHBS		7.8041
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WI-H		3.4134			EC-Hi-H-D	_	1.5897
WI-S	-	2.6348			EC-Hi-DH-WHBS	-	3.2431
WI-D	_	6.5331			EC-Hi-DH-WHBD		3.4593
EC-H	_	4.0787			EC-Lo-H-S	_	3.3207
EC-S		2.5380			EC-Lo-H-D		2.5167
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EC-D	-	3.3414			EC-Lo-DH-WHBS	_	5.2182
WC-H	-	7.3538			EC-Lo-DH-WHBD	-	5.6604
WC-S	_	9.9558*			WC-Hi-H-S		.0002
WC-D		3.8070			WC-Hi-H-D	_	4.9514
EA-H		.9599			**** *** ****	_	2.9169
	_				WC-Hi-DH-WHBD		1.5557
EA-S	_	5.2533					
EA-D	-	7.4718			•	-	14.0144*
WA-H	-	2.0036					3.1136
WA-S	_	3.9762			WC-Lo-DH-WHBS	_	6.4724
WA-D	_	2.2550			WC-Lo-DH-WHBD		8.1252
N-Hi-H-S		.0044			EA-Hi-H-S	_	.0007
	_						
N-Hi-H-D		2.0017			EA-Hi-H-D		.0007
N-Hi-DH-WHBS					EA-Hi-DH-WHBS	-	4.3214
N-Hi-DH-WHBD	-				EA-Hi-DH-WHBD		3.2745
N-Lo-H-S		.0042			EA-Lo-H-S		2.4760
N-Lo-H-D		4.9757			EA-Lo-H-D	_	8.4553
					EA-Lo-DH-WHBS		10.3963*
N-Lo-DH-WHBS	****						
N-Lo-DH-WHBD					EA-Lo-DH-WHBD	_	5.4409
I <del>-</del> Hi-H-S	-				WA-Hi-H-S	-	7.2435
I-Hi-H-D					WA-Hi-H-D	_	5.1803
I-Hi-DH-WHBS	_	9.0591			WA-Hi-DH-WHBS		
I-Hi-DH-WHBD	_	7.8939			WA-Hi-DH-WHBD		4.9997
	•				WA-Lo-H-S		.0144
I-Lo-H-S	-	.0002				-	
I-Lo-H-D	-	6.5197			WA-Lo-H-D	-	.3548
I-Lo-DH-WHBS		4.4931			WA-Lo-DH-WHBS	-	1.9261
I-Lo-DH-WHBD	-	5.6173			WA-Lo-DH-WHBD	-	2.5981
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