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Possible use of Behavioral Scientists

Covered by Program Five, but runs through all programs. Mr. Gaither has more faith than Paul Hoffman and Robert Hutchins. Paul Hoffman - "good field to waste millions and get nothing." Robert Hutchins - "urgent need in this field apparent for a quarter of a century, but own observation of experience frightens hell out of me." Mr. Gaither suggests Don Marquis, Michigan University, and Hans Speier, Santa Monica, California, as dependable consultants, and they will be interviewed either at New York in late January, or before. Paul Hoffman will ask Don David about B. Ruml as consultant to screen and advise on proposals in this area. Chester Davis to check with M. L. Wilson. Robert Hutchins refers to Robert Redfield, now professor of Anthropology at University of Chicago, as "greatest social scientist he knows." Conclusion: After these consultations, then agree on best man to form and report judgments and screen proposals.