Foreword

This is the fourth of a group of publications designed to form the series *An Administrative History of the Johnson Presidency*. The first study, by Emmette S. Redford and Marlan Blissett, *Organizing the Executive Branch: The Johnson Presidency*, was published in 1981. The second, by Richard L. Schott and Dagmar S. Hamilton, *People, Positions and Power: The Political Appointments of Lyndon Johnson*, was published in 1983. The third, by W. Henry Lambright, *Presidential Management of Science and Technology: The Johnson Presidency*, was published in 1985. Ten to twelve special studies, including the first four and an overall volume, are planned.

Our objective is to provide a comprehensive view of how a president and those who assisted him managed the White House and the executive branch to achieve the objectives of law and presidential policy. Administration is studied as part of the responsibility of a president—in this case, President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The view taken of administration is comprehensive. It includes the inter-relations among policy, administration, and program development. It encompasses administration in its various aspects: development of the infrastructure, including structuring and staffing the executive branch and budgeting for its operations; implementation of policy; and presidential management of the executive branch.

We aim for an authentic and adequate historical record based primarily on the documentary materials in the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and on interviews with many people who assisted President Johnson. We hope the historical record as presented from a social science perspective will amplify knowledge of administrative processes and of the tasks and problems of the presidency.

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