DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCe

Section 1.—Puerto Rico Agricultural Company.—(a) The Puerto Rico Agricultural Company is transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce and shall continue to exist as a public corporation.

(b) The Board of Directors of the Agricultural Company is abolished and its functions transferred to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

(c) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall have the power to appoint and remove the General Manager of the Agricultural Company with the approval of the Governor.

Section 2.—Coffee Insurance Corporation, Coffee Industry Relief Commission, Regulating Board of the Citron Industry.—The Coffee Insurance Corporation of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Coffee Industry Relief Commission and the Regulating Board of the Citron Industry are abolished and their functions transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Section 3.—Land Authority Social Programs Administration.—(a) The Land Authority Social Programs Administration is transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to function under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce and under the name of Social Programs Administration of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall have the power to appoint the Executive Director of the Social Programs Administration for a term of four years, unless sooner removed by the Commissioner, and who shall receive the compensation he is at present receiving.

Section 4.—Office of the Inspector of Cooperatives.—(a) The Office of the Inspector of Cooperatives is transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to function under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall appoint the Inspector of Cooperatives who will receive the compensation now fixed by law.
Section 5.—Board of Appeals of Cooperatives Associations.
The Board of Appeals of Cooperative Associations is abolished and its functions transferred to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

Section 6.—The functions of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce under the provisions of this reorganization plan shall be performed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce or subject to his direction and control by such officers, agencies or employees as he shall designate, except that the function of approving rules and regulations shall not be delegated.

Section 7.—There are hereby transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce to be used, employed and expended in connection with the functions or agencies transferred by the provisions of this reorganization plan, the records, and property now being used or held in connection with such functions or agencies, the personnel employed in connection with such functions or agencies and the unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other funds (available or to be made available) for use in connection with such functions or agencies. Such further measures and dispositions as the Governor shall determine to be necessary in order to effectuate the transfers provided for in this section shall be carried out in such manner as the Governor shall direct and by such agencies as he shall designate.

Section 8.—The provisions of this reorganization plan shall take effect July 1, 1950.

Artículo V.—Junta de Apelaciones de Asociaciones Cooperativas.—Se suprime la Junta de Apelaciones de Asociaciones Cooperativas y sus funciones se transfieren al Comisionado de Agricultura y Comercio.

Artículo VI.—Las funciones del Departamento de Agricultura y Comercio bajo las disposiciones de este Plan de Reorganización serán desempeñadas por el Comisionado de Agricultura y Comercio o sujetos a su dirección y control por los funcionarios, agencias o empleados que él designe, excepto que la función de aprobar reglas y reglamentos no podrá delegarse.

Artículo VII.—Por la presente se transfieren al Departamento de Agricultura y Comercio para usarse, emplearse o gastarse en conexión con las funciones o agencias transferidas por las disposiciones de este plan de reorganización, los records y la propiedad que están siendo usadas en conexión con dichas funciones o agencias, el personal ahora empleado en conexión con dichas funciones o agencias, y los balances no gastados de asignaciones, partidas u otros fondos (disponibles o que estarán disponibles) para usarse en conexión con dichas funciones o agencias. Aquellas medidas ulteriores y otras disposiciones que el Gobernador determine ser necesarias para efectuar las transferencias estipuladas en este Artículo se efectuarán en la manera que el Gobernador determine y por aquellas agencias que él designe.

Artículo VIII.—Las disposiciones de este plan de reorganización entrarán en vigor el 1 de julio de 1950.