A.   Introduction

The Data Dictionary section contains definitions and explanations of the
elements in the TIS data base. It should be used as a reference for
questions relating to one or more data elements.

The Data Dictionary information is applicable both to batch and on-line
maintenance. For each element, the following pieces of information may
be provided:

    Definition: Definition of the data element for TIS.

    Coding Requirements: Any special considerations related to the
                              content of the data element.

    Validation Criteria: Edit criteria used to validate the content
                              of the data element. Used for both on-line
                              and batch processing.

    Help Info: Information to help understand a given data
                              element.

    Technical Considerations:
                              Information used primarily by the
                              programming staff. Includes the technical
                              data element name used in programs, the file
                              that contains the element, whether the
                              element is used as a key (descriptor), the
                              length of the element, and its type (alpha,
                              numeric, etc.).

Each TIS data item is assigned an Element Name and an Element Number.
For example, the equivalency data item with the Element Name "Credits
Granted" has an Element Number of TIS0213. The Data Dictionary items are
listed in order by Element Number. When you know the Element Name, the
Data Dictionary Cross-Reference may be used to find the Element Number.

When error and warning messages are displayed in the TIS On-line
Maintenance System, each message contains the Element Number of the data
item to which the message refers. This Element Number may be used to
reference the Data Dictionary for more information about the data item.