1990 RESURVEY OF MATURE MEN
APPENDIX 30: EXPLANATION FOR THE 1990 CREATED SOCIAL SECURITY
VARIABLES - R6743.10.-R6743.30.

INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME DURING 1989 AND IN
THE MONTH PRECEDING THE SURVEY WAS OBTAINED BY A SERIES OF
QUESTIONS (95A-H) THAT BEGAN WITH A SORTER QUESTION DESIGNED TO
ASCRIBED WHETHER SUCH INCOME WAS RECEIVED BY THE SAMPLE PERSON
ONLY, BY HIS WIFE ONLY, OR BY BOTH, IN WHICH CASE A FURTHER
QUESTIONS ASKED WHETHER THE COUPLE RECEIVED SEPARATE CHECKS.
SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THE AMOUNTS (IF ANY) RECEIVED BY
(1) THE WIFE AND (2) THE SAMPLE PERSON AND, IN EACH CASE, WHETHER
THE BENEFIT WAS BASED ON THE WORK RECORD OF THE SAMPLE PERSON, THE
WIFE, OR BOTH. BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SKIP PATTERNS IN
THIS SERIES OF QUESTIONS, THERE WERE ABOUT 740 CASES IN WHICH IT
WAS APPARENT THAT THE INTERVIEWER HAD FAILED TO FOLLOW THE SKIP
PATTERNS CORRECTLY AND HAD ENTERED THE DATA IN THE WRONG PLACE. IN
EDITING AND 'CLEANING' THIS SECTION OF THE INTERVIEW SCHEDULE WE
HAVE OPTED (1) TO MAKE NO CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF RESPONSES THAT
APPEARED ON THE ORIGINAL DATA TAPE, BUT (2) TO CREATE A VARIABLE
THAT PURPORTS TO SHOW TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME (FOR SAMPLE
PERSON AND/ OR WIFE) FOR 1989 R6743.20 AND IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH
R6743.30. IN A LARGE MAJORITY OF CASES, THIS VARIABLE IS A
STRAIGHT 'PICK UP' FROM THE RELEVANT ITEMS IN THE SCHEDULE. IN THE
REMAINDER, WE HAVE RECORDED A VALUE ONLY IN THOSE Instances IN
WHICH IT IS REASONABLY CLEAR THAT THE INTERVIEWER OBTAINED THE
PROPER INFORMATION BUT RECORDED IT IN INAPPROPRIATE PLACES. WHERE
SUCH AN INTERPRETATION IS SUSPECT, WE CODE THE CREATED VARIABLE 'NO
DATA.' WE DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THESE TWO SITUATIONS IN R6743.10,
WHICH SHOWS WHETHER THE CREATED VARIABLE IS (1) 'A STRAIGHT
PICK-UP' OR (2) 'ADJUSTED.'

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE LOGIC THAT WAS USED AND THE HAND EDITS
THAT WERE PERFORMED ON THE WIDOWS. IN "WQ38D" THE W STANDS FOR
THE WIDOWS QUESTIONNAIRE AND "38D" IS THE QUESTION NUMBER IN THE
QUESTIONNAIRE. THE WIDOW'S SCHEDULES WERE ALMOST 100% CORRECTLY
FILLED OUT ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME. IF THE OLDER MEN'S
SCHEDULE HAD BEEN CORRECTLY FILLED OUT, THE CODE BELOW WOULD HAVE
BEEN USED FOR THEM; IT CONSTITUTES THE BASIS FOR THE LOGIC USED ON
THE OLDER MEN'S SCHEDULE.

/* SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME */
WSFLAG = NA;
DO I = WQ38D, WQ38D2, WQ38E, WQ38E2, WQ38G, WQ38G2;
   IF X(I) < 0 THEN X(I) = X(I+1);
   IF X(I) < 0 & WQ35B = 0 THEN X(I) = 0; END;
   IF WQ38D > NA & WQ38E > NA & WQ38G = NA
      THEN DO;
      IF WQ38D > -1 & WQ38E > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 1; END;
      IF WQ38D > NA & WQ38E = NA & WQ38G = NA
         THEN DO;
      IF WQ38D > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 2; END;
   IF WQ38D = NA & WQ38E = NA & WQ38G > NA
      THEN DO;

IF WQ38G > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 3; END;
IF WQ38D = NA & WQ38E > NA & WQ38G > NA
    THEN DO;
IF WQ38G > -1 & WQ38E > -1 THEN WSFLAG= 4; END;
IF WSFLAG = 1 THEN WSSINC = WQ38D + WQ38E;
ELSE IF WSFLAG = 2 THEN WSSINC = WQ38D;
ELSE IF WSFLAG = 3 THEN WSSINC = WQ38G;
ELSE IF WQ35B = 0 THEN WSSINC = 0;
ELSE IF WSFLAG = 4 THEN WSSINC = WQ38G + WQ38E;