Morris Hansen, Chairman of Westat's Board of Directors, mid-1980s
Morris Hansen, the trumpet player, fourth from left, about 1947
Morris at a work meeting, second from right
Hansen-Hurwitz Receive Exceptional Service Awards

Shown above are the Bureau’s two Exceptional Service Award winners: Morris H. Hansen, Assistant Director for Statistical Standards (right), and William N. Hurwitz, Chief, Statistical Research Section (ADSS).

Hansen and Hurwitz were so honored because of their exceptional achievements in the development of new methods, and in unusually imaginative application and modification of existing methods in many phases of the Bureau’s work. The widespread use of sampling methods and techniques developed by them has resulted in savings to the Bureau of many millions of dollars. Fully as important has been the speeding up of results.

The work performed by Mr. Hansen and Mr. Hurwitz has been widely recognized in this country and abroad. Their services as consultants have been used extensively by other government agencies, by private organizations, and by foreign governments.

Their two-volume book entitled “Sample Survey Methods and Theory,” on which they shared authorship with Dr. William G. Madow, a former Bureau employee, has been acclaimed by experts in the field of survey statistics. The work is expected to have a major impact upon survey theory and methods for many years.

Only four other Exceptional Service Awards have been granted to Bureau employees in previous years, two such awards having gone to former Directors of the Census.
Fred Mosteller, Stuart Rice, Morris Hansen. 1965 125th ASA convention
Morris on a trip to Pakistan
Morris and colleagues on a trip to India
Morris and Mildred Hansen and their children
Evelyn, Morris, James and Kristine