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The study assessed the perceptions of 84 educable mentally retarded (EMR) junior high school students (black and white from lower and middle class socioeconomic status) regarding the nonverbal communicative behaviors of teachers. The C. M. Galloway Categories of Teachers' Nonverbal Behaviors were employed to determine how racial characteristics and socioeconomic class status might affect person perceptions. Data indicated that EMR Ss with higher social inferential skills did not view inhibiting (inattentive, unresponsive and disapproving) teacher behaviors any differently than did Ss with lower inferential skills. It was found that race was statistically significant to one dependent variable, enthusiastic support. Black Ss scored higher toward the black teacher-actor while white Ss scored higher on the white teacher-actor's performance. Lower class black and white Ss gave a higher score to the black teacher-actor within the helping category, while middle class black and white Ss rated the white teacher-actor higher. Lower class status blacks were found to be more tolerant to the unresponsive category than middle class blacks. The middle class black EMR Ss were most rejecting of all four groups (black-lower, white-lower, and white-middle) toward unresponsive teachers' nonverbal behavior. (GW)

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to investigate the perceptual qualities of educable mentally retarded (EMR) adolescents. It is important to investigate how a teacher's nonverbal communicative behavior can affect EMR teenagers' perceptual and cognitive processes. This study could provide teachers with models of nonverbal behavior which would develop more positive and reinforcing instructional methods.

There has also been an increasing interest in the psychology of and education toward the modification of learners' behavior by means of a system of reinforcing desirable and successful behavior.

Pursuing this trend, we see implications, of this study, for answering the following questions:

- A. How can teachers' nonverbal behavior provide congruency for the total communicative process?
- B. What effects, if any, does the nonverbal behavior have upon the social and emotional climate of the classroom?
- C. What effects do preconceived values, attitudes, and



- mores of EMR adolescents have upon their perception of teachers' nonverbal behavior?
- D. Do EMR youngsters perceive teachers' nonverbal behavior differently according to the youngsters' socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds?

It is believed that the results of this study would not only throw light upon the nature of perceptual qualities of EMR adolescents but also reveal differences among them in these qualities due to socioeconomic, cultural, and ethnic characteristics.

There were practical considerations which were taken into account in determining the demographic base for the selection of subjects and the age of the subjects included in this study. An urban locale for selection of subjects was chosen because it had sufficient white and black EMR subjects from middle and lower class status. It was important to the study that a sufficient number of EMR subjects be located within a rather well-defined geographical area.

It was necessary that the study use EMR subjects with sufficient sophistication and maturity so that they might discriminate the
quality of teacher's nonverbal behavior on a three-point rating scale.

It would seem reasonable to suppose that younger (under 12 chronological age) EMR subjects would not have the ability or capability to
define, as clearly, the qualities of teachers' nonverbal communicative
behavior as would older subjects, due to less classroom exposure and



their immaturity. This lack of perceptual acumen may be expected to be overcome as the mental age of EMR increases along with the chronological age.

The effects of mental retardation on the person-perceptions of adolescent EMR boys and girls is a goal of this investing the socioeconomic, cultural, and ethnic differences will have a perceptible effect on the types of behavior which the subjects will perceive as encouraging or inhibitive.

Since former president John F. Kennedy's creation of the President's Panel on Mental Retardation in 1961, there has been an intensive search for ways to improve services and programs for mentally retarded students. Recently there have been increased funding efforts, through Titles VI-B and VI-D, on the part of the federal government to encourage research and study into developing more expanded services and programs to assist the mentally retarded to develop to their fullest potential.

This study is an effort to obtain a more thorough understanding of the process of meeting the instructional needs of mentally
retarded youth.

The Design of the Study

This study utilizes an experimentally designed Visual PersonPerception Test to assess EMR adolescent student perceptions of the
nonverbal behavior of teachers. A three-point rating scale was



designed specifically for this study to be administered to a cross-section of EMR students within a defined geographical area.

Or ariables to be considered in the study are sex, intelligence quotient (I.Q.), reading comprehension, Test of Social Inference Score (T.S.I.), socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, and grade level.

The design of this study plus the handling of the data and the statistical treatment, were done with the assistance of the Educational Development Systems, Inc., Columbus, Ohio.

All the data were analyzed by an IBM 370/165 computer. Two "canned" programs, the University of Miami's Multivariate Analysis of Variance, and Omnitab, were used for the processing of data.

Hypotheses of the Study

- 1. The method by which the subjects will be grouped in order to view the Visual Person-Perceptual Test will affect the subjects' responses.
- 2. There will be closer correlation on the subjects' ratings between the Test of Social Inference and the Visual Person-Perceptual Test than among any other ten combinations of covariates (age, I.Q., reading comprehension, and sex of subjects).
- 3. EMR subjects are more accepting of physical contact from teachers with the same ethnic background than from teachers with different ethnic backgrounds.



- 4. The age of the subjects will have a direct relationship to the subjects' perceptual rating of the Visual Person-Perceptual Test incidents.
- 5. The proforma (neutral) nonverbal behavior of teachers will be perceived by EMR subjects as neither inhibiting nor encouraging.
- 6. Subjects' scores on the Visual Person-Perception Test will reflect more favorable responses toward encouraging communicating behaviors (enthusiastic support, helping, and receptivity) rather than toward inhibiting communicating behaviors (inattentive, unresponsive, and disapproval).
- 7. As the reported I. Q. levels of the subjects increase, there will be increased perception of the nonverbal teacher behavior portrayed in the Visual Person-Perceptual Test incidents.

Statement of the Problem

This study deals with the question of how the educable mentally retarded (EMR) child perceives the nonverbal communicative behavior of the classroom teacher and how this perception held by EMR children toward their teachers might be assessed.

One problem in investigating the perceptions of EMR adolescent youth is their limitations in analyzing, ordering, and sequencing of qualitative information. Studies have been done which have focused



upon attitudes, values, and perceptions of EMR subjects (Guskin, 1963, 1963b; Clark, 1964; Yarrow, 1960; Spradlin, 1963). Although these studies were well designed and systematically developed, the instruments used for eliciting responses were composed of abstract signs and symbols (words and static pictures). These instruments lacked a concreteness... a reality which more closely correlated with the everyday experiences of the subjects.

This study focuses upon the following questions:

- A. What traits or experiences affect EMR views of teacher nonverbal behavior?
- B. What teacher nonverbal behaviors are responded to most favorably (or least favorably) by EMR youth?
- C. What behavior variables are more reinforcing . . . most inhibitive?

It is evident that all teachers do not share the same verbal and nonverbal communicative skills. It is reasonable to assume that inconsistencies between verbal and nonverbal communicative behavior vary not only among teachers but also in the meanings and feeling states represented in the responses of students.

Importance of Or Rationale of Study

The present study attempts to determine, in the case of junior high school teachers of educable mentally retarded students, if



a relationship does exist relative to a teacher's nonverbal behavior and the effects these behaviors might have upon the instructional message. It also attempts to discover the extent such relationships differ in varying socioeconomic and ethnic school settings. It is the purpose of this study to quantify the perceptual differentia of EMR subjects as to these contextual referents.

For the past forty years, educators have been concerned with the social climate of the classroom. Many of empirical studies have been related to this phenomenon. For example, Flanders (1960s) summated much of the existing research on the emotional climate of the classroom and subsequently separated teacher behavior into three generic categories which he labeled "integrative," "gives information," and "dominative." The "integrative" pattern of teacher behavior encourages students' participative and initiative behavior while the "dominative" pattern restricts and limits student behavior contingent on the commands of the teacher.

Galloway (1970), concerned with the social climate in the classroom, developed a continuum conceptualizing rather discrete categories of teacher nonverbal behavior. Like Flanders, Galloway related his categories to the interactive relationships between teacher and students. Galloway established three broad categories as "encouraging," "pro forma" (neutral), and "inhibiting" communication. The following is a synthesis of the Flanders and Galloway systems as



teachers might use their verbal and nonverbal capabilities in affecting the instructional message.

FLANDERS (verbal)

GALLOWAY (nonverbal)

Integrative Pattern

accepts, clarifies, supports, ideas and feelings of students; praises and encourages; stimulates pupil participation in decision making.

Encouraging

enthusiastic approval, warmth,
emotional support, nurturent act,
willing to listen, attentiveness,
eye contact.

Gives Information

expresses, lectures.

Pro Forma (neutral)

neither encourages not inhibits com-

Dominative Pattern

gives directions or orders,
criticizes or deprecates
pupil behavior, justifies
one position or authority.

Inhibiting

unwilling or unable to be attentive; disinterested, nonresponsive, ignoring, withdrawn, negative overtones, frowning, belittling, threatening.

If we accept this comparison as sound, it becomes apparent that the teacher nonverbal behavior has interfacing implications with teacher verbal behavior. The present study is based upon that assumption.



Limitations of Study

- 1. This study is limited to junior high school educable mentally retarded subjects. These subjects are representative of two socioeconomic and culturally different urban districts.
- 2. The Galloway continuum is represented by a seven (7) categorical system which consists of enthusiastic support, helping, receptivity, proforma, inattentive, unresponsive, and disapproval.

The quantity and types of teacher nonverbal behavior are representative of seven broad areas ranging from encouraging to inhibiting behavior. These behaviors are not inclusive of all teachers' nonverbal behavior.

- 3. The sample size will be limited to the number of junior high school EMR students currently identified and placed within the school system where this descriptive study will take place.
- 4. The experimentally designed instrument's effectiveness is limited by the reproduction capabilities and limitations of its hard-ware and software components. The Visual Person-Perception Test is recorded on videotape. Television is of low definition. This medium requires much closure, emotional involvement, and participation on the part of viewers (subjects) to fill in the missing visual information (McLuhan, 1964).



Summary of Study

Nonverbal behavior is an integral part of the human information system. This manner of communication is receiving increased study by investigators in the field of education.

This research is predicated on these problems: How does the nonverbal behavior of classroom teachers affect the learning styles of EMR students? Do students from the lower and middle class status socio-economic cultural backgrounds view the managed and spontaneous, nonverbal teaching behaviors differently? Do the white and black racial characteristics of the teacher precondition EMR student responses to the other nonverbal behavior of the teacher?

There is emerging evidence that nonverbal behavior has a great impact on interpersonal communication. Nonverbal communication consists not only of the discrete gestures, bodily positions, paralanguage, but it represents an integral part of our message sending and receiving system. The extent to which educable mentally retarded adolescents perceive the signals, clues, and cueing signs of others, especially their teachers, is the focus of this study.

To date, research efforts and investigations aimed at defining and evaluating the person-perceptual qualities of EMR youth are meager. Even so, the few studies located and referenced revealed that EMR adolescents' perceptions are limited and underdeveloped.

It is not the purpose of this study merely to replicate past



efforts, but rather to add another dimension of research by assessing the impact of lifelike, dynamic and ongoing nonverbal messages upon EMR youngsters while at the same time evaluating the communicative qualities of teachers' nonverbal behavior. It is hoped that this study will provide significant evidence to convince teachers that they need to address themselves to the importance and effectiveness of their nonverbal behavior as it relates to the instructional message.

If this investigation validated the concept that EMR students' person-perceptions are influenced by the student's socio-economic and ethnic background, then there are important implications to be considered relating to possible modification of a teacher's nonverbal behavior.

If this investigation can differentiate the styles of teachers' nonverbal behaviors in relation to the subjects' backgrounds, then additional factors need to be developed which will influence, facilitate, and reinforce learning.

Definition of Terms

For the sake of clarity and consistency, it is necessary to define the basic terms which will be used throughout this account of the study.

Perception - The process by which a person discriminates, analyzes and organizes external stimuli.



Communication - An interdependent exchange of messages between two or more persons.

Nonverbal Communication - Transmitting a thought or feeling from one person to another through gesture, posture, facial expression, tone and quality of voice, or physical contact, as an auxiliary function to speech or without speech. (Galloway, 1962)

Kinesics - An anatomical study of a person's movements, gestures and postures which function with or without speech.

Mental Retardation - The sub-average general intellectual functioning which originated during the developmental period and is associated with impairment of adaptive behavior. (Heber, 1961)

Noise - Random stimuli which intrudes upon and reduces the clarity of the message.

Proxemics - The manner in which persons use the immediate space for direct focused communication activities.

Fidelity - The quality or state of accuracy of information.

Self-Concept - A system of beliefs which a person has about himself.



CHAPTER II

SURVEY OF LITERATURE

This chapter deals with two important areas of research relating to nonverbal behavior. The first is concerned with the functions of nonverbal behavior in the total communicative process. The second relates to the implications of nonverbal behavior upon student/teacher interaction, including, particularly, interrelationships between EMR children and teachers. The investigator reviewed the pertinent studies which seemed to relate to these areas. Specifically, the major topics of research and literature which were examined were: (1) the definitions and qualities of nonverbal behavior as they are viewed within the total communication concept; the effects and implications of social and cultural values, traits, and attitudes upon the cognitive and affective dimensions of human interaction; (2) the effects of nonverbal communication in the instructional setting, and (3) the definition, characteristics, and perceptual qualities of educable mentally retarded (EMR) children and how these affect EMR student perceptions of teacher nonverbal behavior.

The research, studies, and investigations dealing with the person-perceptions of EMR students is very limited. In order to



ascertain what investigations had been done in this area, a comprehensive review of existing research on general person-perception was essential to this study. Included also will be the available literature on EMR perceptions.

This chapter is divided into three major sections: (1) the communicative function of nonverbal behavior, (2) nonverbal behavior within the context of the classroom setting, and (3) studies of educable mentally retarded perceptual characteristics and qualities.

Nonverbal Behavior as an Aspect of Communication

Educators, psychologists, anthropologists, and sociologists are placing much emphasis on the nonverbal aspect of communication. In the past fifteen years many researchers have looked closely at nonverbal signals, signs, symbols, and cueing. Research shows that what humans do with their actions behavior may be as important as is their verbal behavior. It has been indicated that nonverbal behavior is a very significant part of the communication system of man.

Galloway (1970:4) defines nonverbal communication as follows:

Nonverbal language means communicating without words. Its very definition implies that behaviors are as significant as words. Perhaps more significant, it stresses the "how" of communication rather than the "what." It highlights the functions of attitudes and feelings and makes them an important part of language. The unintended and unwitting signs and signals we express toward others are also included.

From Darwin's The Expression of Emotions in Man and



Animals (reprinted, 1955) to the present, observers and researchers of human behavior have contributed to the foundations of nonverbal human behavior.

Darwin (1955) emphasized that man's nonverbal behavior is related to emotional and involuntary emotional states. He conceptualized that communicative gestures were universal, although some distinct cultural behaviors might occur.

Studies and investigations of human characteristics and traits have been going on for the past hundred years. Researchers have examined the cultural habits and behaviors of discrete societies and have found no overriding behaviors or gestures which transcend all cultures or provide unique and innate superiority of some groups over others.

Ekman's (1969:88) conclusions indicate an interesting viewpoint. Ekman did a study using cross cultures (New Guinea, Borneo,
Brazil, Japan, and the United States). Ekman found evidence of pancultural elements in facial display. Subjects in the cultures recognized
some of the same emotions when shown a standard set of facial photographs. Ekman did emphasize that most nonverbal displays were
related to the teachings of the particular culture.

Bruner and Taguiri (1954:637) said:

The best evidence available (from 30 years of research) seems to indicate that there is no invariable pattern, or at least no innate invariable pattern of nonverbal behavior, accompanying specific emotions (referents).



Ruesch and Kees (1969) viewed nonverbal symbols and gestures as not relating to a universal language of man but rather to a distinct communication system of each social and cultural group.

They recognized that emotions of crying and laughing may have some cross-cultural meanings but the impact is related to the influence of the cultural context.

Nielsen (1968:65) states:

A person who travels in a foreign country will be able to understand others from watching how they behave, although, alas, he is likely to be tricked exactly at this point because of cultural differences in the visual language.

Hall (1959:150) directing his comments to the effects of culture on behavior suggested that:

The formal patterns in America hold that when we want to express joy we laugh, to express grief we cry. It is much easier for women to laugh and cry than men. In Japan, laughter does not always mean that a person is happy. It may mean that he is embarrassed. In Italy, crying is often used to express happiness.

Scheflen (1964:316) emphasized the importance of the cultural influences in determining the nonverbal communicating behavior of humans. He sees these behaviors as differing from culture to culture, and culture to subculture. Scheflen acknowledges that human ability to communicate is universal, but the language, verbal or nonverbal, is culturally determined. To understand gestures, paralanguage, and postures, it is necessary to observe the culture... the classes.

Ray Birdwhistle (1956) believes there are no universal



gestures. There is no single facial expression, movement, or body position which conveys the same meanings in all societies. He emphasizes that there are basic elements of gesture (Kines) which are cultural and often communicate subliminally. A sub-culture within a larger culture may develop its own systems of signs for particularistic communicative purposes.

Starkey Duncan (1969) extends nonverbal communication beyond the concepts of bodily gestures and kinesic behavior to additional communication areas such as paralanguage (voice qualities, speech nonfluencies, and nonlanguage sounds as laughing, yawning, and grunting); proxemics (use of personal and social space and man's perception of it); olfaction (scent, odors); haptic (skin sensitivity to touch and temperature); and use of artifacts (dress and cosmetics). Of the nonverbal modalities, body motion, gestures, paralanguage and proxemics seem to have most attention of researchers. It is interesting to note that most research in the area of nonverbal behavior seems to fall into the areas of body motion and gestures.

Cassier (1941) is more definitive. He acknowledges a sign as relatively fixed in meaning to the referent it represents. He sees the symbol of the referent (gesture) as extremely variable. The symbol has less credibility, more ambiguity than the sign. If the symbol is not understood, within the context of the culture, confusion and "noise" interferes with the fidelity of the message.



Frank's (1957:38) proposition supposes that all messages sent and received by persons evoke some psychological change which has a relative effect on the affective domain. Two-way communication may be governed so subjectively, that is, the meaning of the message may be warped or distorted by the emotional elements interpolated on the content. The quality or tone of the message may be subordinated by the tone of the voice, social or psychological distances, facial expression, proximity or the lightness or heaviness of touch.

Scheflen (1966) related nonverbal behavior and its implications in psychotherapy. He points out that some gestures and acts have the same meaning as the concurrent verbal content (congruency). He emphasizes that other nonverbal behavior betrays contrary meaning (incongruency).

Some nonverbal messages may be managed to present a particular point of feeling, tone, or viewpoint. Goffman (1959:34) asserts that nonverbal gesturing and cueing can be managed so as to communicate a desired message. He states:

Now these embodied expressive signs can function to qualify whatever an individual may mean by a statement he makes to others and thus play a role in the focused interaction of, say, a conversational gathering. However, it is the special character of many of these events, when seen as communication, that they cannot be easily focused or shielded, tending, in the extreme, to be accessible to everyone in the situation at large. The messages do seem well designed to convey information about the actor's social attributes and about his conception of himself, of the others present, and of the setting.



Broadbent (1958) investigated nonverbal behavior as a system of communication having a syntactic and semantic linguistic style of its own. Armstrong (1961) relates nonverbal behavior to the immediate context in which the behavior takes place and the personalities of the communicants. Birdwhistle (1952) and Scheflen (1966) point to the study of kinesics or body language as spontaneous and unmanaged behavior. Much is directed toward the unconscious states of humans.

Many investigations point to nonverbal behavior as a mirror to the inner states of human feelings. These nonverbal behaviors are said often to provide more authenticity than the verbal statement.

Reik (1949:6) for example, states:

Accompanying every process of thought; muscular twitching in face or hands and movements of the eyes speak to us as well as words. No small power of communication is contained in a glance, a person's bearing, bodily movement, a special way of breathing. Signals of subterranean motions and impulses are being sent silently to the region of everyday speech, gesture, and movement.

Koffka (1935) and Deutsch (1950) address their philosophical premise toward behavior as manifestation of an aggregate number of phenomena. Deutsch remarks that human gesturing is a combination of different psychologically determined movements of single parts. The psychodynamics of a given system will direct those numerous elements which will affect nonverbal configuration.

Although a review of research and literature on nonverbal behavior indicates a lack of effort in succinctly interfacing human verbal



and nonverbal behavior the following literature and research findings suggest an implicit relationship between the verbal and nonverbal dimensions.

Birdwhistle (1952:130) stated:

We do not yet know exactly how the linguistic and kinesic systems fit together. All of the evidence indicates that they are inextricably related in the communication process and have priority of function only in limited contexts. Both are necessary to the communication process; and they are only heuristically separable.

Buhler (1934) historically noted that it has long been accepted that the nonverbal, gestural behavior antedates the verbal component.

Such gestures may serve to substitute or reinforce human communication. One cannot be divorced from the other without decreased effectiveness.

In view of the research, there is emerging evidence that non-verbal behavior plays a large role in the communicative systems of man. Nonverbal communication does not consist of discrete forms of gestures, bodily positions, inflection and intonations, movements, etc., but rather it represents an integral part of our message sending and receiving system. The review of literature makes it clear that cultural differences are not only those unique and differing referents to behavior that are designated by boundaries between countries, states, and cities. These cultural differences are also found within a city and from one school to another school within the same district.



Nonverbal Behavior and Its Implications On The Instructional Setting

The gesturing of man preceded the aural component of language (Buhler, 1934). It is through body language... the nonverbal communicative behaviors that man developed the syntax and semantics of communication (Birdwhistle, 1954).

When the writer alludes to language, it is not only directed to the language of the spoken word but to the language of feelings, of the expression of the eyes and of course, gestures.

Barbara (1956:288) states that:

It is probable that the language of words was a late formation taking the place of gestures.

Paget, (1950:76) perhaps somewhat over zealously, maintains:

The movements of the tongue originally initiated our various actions. Even where language only serves the purpose of practical communication, we hear the accompanying sounds expressive of emotion.

Historically, language seems to have originated from the need of more specific and specialized forms of communication. The abstraction of thoughts and emotions became too refined for expression in gross motoric symbols. The evolution of the spoken word became a part of man's information system. Sir Richard Paget (1950) concludes that we can no more consider the spoken words overshadowing gestural communication than of gestures overshadowing the spoken word. Each



component has its own importance in the communicative effort of man.

Frank (1957:31) views the impact of nonverbal behavior as interactive. He implies that two bodies, in the direct focus of each other, react with each other. Nonverbal transaction is concerned with the activity of an organism which evokes messages from another, and then responds to the message in terms of the meaning for him. These are products of past experiences. Thus, the nonverbal transactional process involves a reciprocal, cyclical feedback with the participating persons. The nonverbal behaviors are then governed as much by the intended receiver as by the intent of the sender. Each gesture of the sender evokes a gesture from the receiver and so on.

Heger (1968:2) succinctly interpolates the components of verbal and nonverbal communication into the vast arena of interpersonal communication.

The term verbal can be defined as that which consists or has to do with words, only. By contrast, nonverbal interaction is more than the gestures and mannerisms which accompany the words. Nonverbal interaction includes the intonations of delivery as well as those mannerisms which are commonly recognized as nonverbal.

The above statement summarizes the posture of this study.

This study postulates that the nonverbal dimension includes all communicative behavior that is visual plus verbal qualities, intonations and inflections of the vocal mechanism. Verbal communication is the articulation of words into messages. Therefore, the



classroom teacher's verbal behavior is significant of what is being said . . . the nonverbal is the how of its being said.

There is presently a meager amount of research on how non-verbal behaviors influence the cognitive areas. Balzer (1969) and Rosenstein (1959) made studies in this area. Rosenstein investigated behavior predictors of effectiveness by 'achers. His study found significance in the way teachers' gesturing and body positions affected the intended message. Other than stating the gesture as attention getting devices, this study also showed that relevant and meaningful gestures improve the quality of the message. Balzer's report concluded that the nonverbal behaviors of biology teachers were an important means of teacher expression. Nonverbal behaviors increased the fidelity of communication and reinforced, even sometimes detracted, from the verbal message.

Stephens (1963) suggests that while verbally "giving" information, the sender is "giving off" nonverbal messages. The nonverbal component is giving off information about feelings and attitudes. Thus, when a student is attempting to "read" the teacher, the "giving off" behavior is influencing the "giving" behavior and often the "giving off" can have more significant implications than the "giving" behavior.

Galloway (1970) adopted an encouraging/inhibiting continuum for observing teachers "giving off" behavior. This has been referred to earlier and will receive greater emphasis in the next section of this study.



Silent language (nonverbal behavior) has been an important aspect of human and cultural development. In underdeveloped and illiterate cultures (i. e., Bushmen and Hottentots in southern Africa), gestures, expressions, movements, and tonal articulations are the most effective forms of exchanging information.

Children in many cultures learn to use and read silent language before they learn to speak. The young child learns to reach out, to smile, to cry, to frown. Nielsen (1968:65) addresses his investigations to this concept by saying:

A child must learn to master the language of body movements. Walking up to, walking away from, waving, and caressing are "words" and "sentences" in silent language which the child knows and understands.

Rosenberg and Langer (1965:593) state:

It has long been accepted that the postural-gestural expression antedates verbal-linguistic communication in ontogenesis. Such gestures may serve adjunctive or substitutive functions in contemporary communication.

Goffman (1959:97) suspects there can be different responses in human interaction. He addresses the point not only in terms of an individual's role expectation, but also how he perceives and defines the situation. This then becomes a concern for the individual differences in role expectations and perceptions. It is therefore necessary to consider the ways in which the individual manipulates his many roles.

Hough (1970) pointed out the role of a teacher cannot be summated as a single activity. In order to understand what these role



expectations of the teacher are we must note the teacher's total participation in the instructional process. The teacher works with individuals and with groups of students, lectures, demonstrates, grades papers, passes out materials, gives assignments, encourages, restricts, and so forth. It is therefore evident that the teacher acts and reacts in very specific ways and in terms of the parameters of preconceived perceptions of the teaching process.

The classroom communicative effects of verbal and nonverbal behaviors are unique to each situation. These communicative qualities are dependent upon the ableness of the interactants. Barbara (1956:288) candidly states:

What goes on in the verbal and nonverbal, silent or unspeakable levels in relation to life facts can only be differentiated in terms of our individual reactions, orientations, evaluations, etc.

Galloway's studies (1962, 1970) show that both teachers and students continuously communicate attitudes, feelings, and values through their nonverbal behavior. He emphasized the importance of developing teacher awareness of these classroom ronverbal behaviors in order that congruency and credibility be established in the total behavioral process of teacher communication.

Pancrazio and Johnson (1971) examined stragegies for training teachers to manage or manipulate their nonverbal behaviors toward more effective states. They approached this by the use of (1) lecture-



discussions, (2) programmatic videotape, and (3) microteaching procedures. This study indicated that these approaches offered "viable alternatives" with implications that more longitudinal studies might provide more meaningful and comprehensive information for teacher training.

The nonverbal behavioral qualities of teachers are not limited to body positions, gestures, portures, facial expressions, vocal intonations, and other direct personal referents. The teacher's use of space or the concept of proxemics adds information about how people perceive each other.

Hall (1959) points out that different cultures structure space in different ways. He speaks of space concepts in terms of personal, social, and public. Hall refers to comfortable communication with white Americans as about twenty-one inches; for Latin Americans, eighteen inches; for Arabs, twelve inches. This use of space between persons is known as Proxemics.

Galloway (1970) remarks that a teacher's use of space may be reinforcing if used in a classroom where students perceive spatial distances of the teacher. If the referents for personal or social distance are different, then a student may feel rejected or threatened. "Communication is difficult among people who do not share the same cultural code," says Kochman (1970:82). He continues by stating:
"People fail to communicate all the time. This involves a failure to



properly understand the message because the communicants involved failed to understand each other's code: to read accurately the cultural sign that the other was sending."

Teachers, like all other human organisms, are affected by their socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. They have predetermined and preconceived attitudes, feelings, opinions, and behaviors. Teachers have developed styles of communicating which have been effective in adjusting to and functioning within their immediate and familiar environment. Often the placement of a teacher is not made on the basis of a careful assessment of the teacher's cultural background and communication skills. Cultural factors and communicative skills of teachers and those of the students should be a criterion for teacher placement.

Kochman (1970:84) speaks of distortions which occur where members of one culture interpret similar gestural behavior differently. The referents for meaning are different and often conflict. Kochman (1970) describes cross-cultural interference between a teacher with middle-class status and a Puerto Rican boy with lower status. He recounts how the teacher was reprimanding the child for not doing his assignment. The Puerto Rican student lowered his eyes (respect). The teacher misread this as an attempt to escape punishment. The teacher insisted that the student have eye contact with her. The teacher, angered by what was seemingly evasion by the child . . . lifted his



chin to establish eye contact. Kochman's example emphasizes that similar nonverbal behavior must be referenced within the culture that attaches meaning to these syntactually similar but semantically different nonverbal behavioral qualities.

Kochman (1970) suggests that patterns of nonverbal behavior emerge from the values and attitudes associated with such patterns and that once these are shared by other members of one's group, they become the culture of that group. Social, political, economic, and racial segregation enforce an isolation which dissipates shared behavior patterns within a large society.

It is not unusual for teachers to misinterpret the values and attitudes which give reference to a class of student behaviors and conversely, students can easily misconstrue what a teacher means, both verbally and nonverbally.

Hall (1966) reflects upon the separateness of ethnic groups in our society. He believes that subcultural groups develop their own values and mores. The nonverbal expressions relate to a separate and segregated situation. This gives distinct and different meanings to all aspects of the communicative process (verbal and nonverbal).

Rucsch and Kees (1969) identified nonverbal communication with all of the forms of communication. Through communication models they showed the receiver (student) as perceiving the information, processing it, then evaluating and ordering the information using past



experiences, making a decision, and then transmitting some overt expression back to the sender. Ruesch and Kees emphasized that this entire process may go on without the participants' (teacher and students) awareness that this affective process is going on.

Galloway (1970) says that students, especially from deprived and disadvantaged backgrounds, often observe teachers' nonverbal behavior for greater understanding of the classroom environment.

The assumption is implicit that teachers should be aware of perceptions of students and exhibit congruent nonverbal behavior.

Goffman (1959) approaches this construct from the vantage point of teacher-managed behavior. Whether an individual plays a role or plays at it, we can expect that the mechanics of putting it on will typically expose him as being out of character at certain regular junctures. Thus, while a person may studiously stay in role while in the staging area of its performance, he may nonetheless break role or go out of role when he thinks that no one, or no one of importance, can see him.

Galloway's (1970) and Goffman's (1959) assumptions collectively point to the proposition that teachers must direct their input in such a meaningful manner that the conclusions reached by students are consistent with the intended outcomes. There must be congruency between the verbal and nonverbal systems. Therefore, teachers must be cautiously aware of their emotional feelings and



attitudes in order that the expressive qualities of their behavior will be consistent with and reinforcing of the teaching process.

Ekman (1964:300) in his investigations of nonverbal behavior suggests that nonverbal behavior may be communicated through specific and general classes of information. He states:

The most obvious example of specific nonverbal communication would be a gesture such as a smile or fist shake which has direct verbal translation.

These nonverbal acts convey direct, explicit, specific information.

In addition to the specific information-giving gestures, nonverbal behavior may communicate general or gross information which could be described as information about activity level, anxiety, or the accumulation and discharge of tension.

One of the earliest investigations by Gates (1927) pointed out that children found it much easier to differentiate between facial expressions than verbal expressions or body positions. Mehrabian and Ferris (1967) reinforced this forty-year theory through their research. They concluded that the facial component received two-thirds the weight received by all other communicative components.

Zaidel and Mehrabian (1969:224) more specifically define the importance of facial expressions over the verbal channel:

In both the facial and vocal channels, communications of negative attitudes are more effective than those of positive. In other words, negative attitude communications will be more discernible than the corresponding set of positive attitude communications.



From these findings, it is assumed that the facial modality is independent of verbal expressions, whereas the intonation quality of the verbal channel is dependent upon the spoken message.

Birdwhistle (1956) defines kinesics as the systematic study of visually sensible aspects of nonverbal interpersonal communication.

Birdwhistle (1952) earlier had divided kinesics into three overlapping categories:

- 1. Pre-kinescis deals with the spontaneous and physical aspects of body motion.
- 2. Micro-kinesics studies the least particles of isolatable body-motion into manageable morphological classes.
- 3. Social kinesics is concerned with how these phenomenon relate to the communication functions of social interaction.

Implicit in these categories is that all human movements communicate meaning.

Though most research referred to in this review reflects

Birdwhistle's social kinesics concept, the micro-kinesics aspect makes

clear that the most minute and subtle lift of the eyebrow will convey

additional information and thus through micro-kinesics we might de
termine some of the more subtle inner feelings.

One of the earliest researchers to investigate nonverbal characteristics was Darwin (1955:366). He asserted that future research must be directed to the area of human emotional expression.

We have seen that expression in itself, or the language of the emotions, as it has been called, is certainly of importance for the welfare of mankind. To understand, as far as possible, the source or origin of the various expressions which may be



hourly seen on the faces of men around us ought to possess much interest for us.

The preceding review of literature on nonverbal behavior points to the process by which nonverbal behavior affects the learning processes and the social climate of the classroom. Teachers often observe their students' nonverbal behavior as clues to the classroom interest levels, the students' receptivity to the teacher-oriented instructional processes, and the ease or difficulty with which students are assimilating the instruction.

It is important that teachers be aware of how the students are perceiving the teacher's nonverbal behavior. Galloway (1970:6) suggests that student feedback is one of the most enlightening and sometimes disconcerting ways in which a teacher can check on students' perceptions.

Studies in Educable Mentally Retarded Students' Perceptions

Historically, the study of perception was based on recognition of emotions. Darwin's (1955) writings on the expressions and the recognition of emotions was a catalyst which stimulated a number of researchers, investigators, and writers to look closely at this phenomenon.

The writer made a search of the literature for studies on the perceptions of mentally retarded children. While there are many investigations on the neurophysiological processes of perception, there



has not been much research effort on the affective area of person perception.

The review of research on perception shows increasing effort and attention directed toward four important areas.

One area might be described as the interpersonal processes of perception. Allport (1937), Altrocchi (1959), Anderson (1965), Arnheim (1949), Boring and Titchener (1923), Bruner (1956), Bossom, J. and Maslow, A. H. (1957), Davitz (1964), and Tagiuri (1958) focused many of their investigations on personal perception, the ability to know others' qualities and emotions and how individuals judge the personal states and characteristics of others.

Another area of concern focuses upon social perception.

Brown (1965), Bieri (1962). Bronfenbrenner, U.J. et al. (1958), and
Gates (1923) related the impact of a culture on a person's perception.

They addressed themselves to how these factors mold individual experience and behavior. A third area of the investigation of perception is directed across-cultures. The recognition of emotions, experiences, and characteristics assume different affectivity according to the implications of the culture. Klineberg (1940) pointed out that young Chinese girls are instructed not to show their unhappiness easily, do not smile easily, and do not let their teeth be seen when they smile. The overt expression of a feeling, an emotion, is dictated by the culture. This is not only true for the person expressing an emotion, but the person



who witnesses it. Even though studies show that cultural patterns affect perception and define its interpretation, we must still be cognizant that some studies have shown pan-cultural recognition (Allport and Pettigrew, 1957; Beattie, 1964; Campbell, 1964; Hallowell, 1942; Kluckhohn, 1954; and Morgan, 1959). Therefore, there appears to be both generality and locality in perceptual expressions across cultures.

The fourth arena of perceptual investigations has evolved around the perceptual qualities of body gestures, positioning, and facial expressions (Buxby, 1924; Boring, 1923; Coleman, 1949; Ekman, 1964; Frois-Wittman, 1930; Hanawalt, 1942; Landis, 1924; and Nummenman, 1964).

These positions could best be summarized by Ekman (1964: 295) who states:

Research on body movement and facial expression has had to deal with a phenomenon of subjectivity which often confounds researchers. These culturally slanted behaviors can often be assessed within the cultural context and the findings are sometimes difficult to infer from one culture to another.

As mentioned before, this study's major focus is directed at how educable mentally retarded children perceive that part of their environment represented by their teachers' nonverbal behavior.

Although many developmental aspects affect perception, this study is directed toward the psychological functioning of EMR perceptions.



Allen and Jones (1967:52) view three psychological areas in the perceptual process:

- (1) Perceptual: processes by which the child receives, organizes, and responds to stimuli.
- (2) Conceptual: dealing with perceived data from concrete elements to highest order of abstraction.
- (3) Psycholin- classificatory response or enunciating a guistic: principle.

The problem areas which have been examined above may summarize human perception as the quality of perceiving and being perceived. As Smith (1966:111) states:

Perceiving is the process by which a person connects up his past experiences and tendencies with the requirements and adjustive activity in a situation; it is a purposefully weighing and ordering which varies with the referential background of the individual.

Kephart (1963) points out that the "normally" developing child develops a readiness and aware ess of his environment. With perceptual ability ready, he integrates, analyzes, and classifies perceived information, and then orders it into words, signs, or some type of communicative symbol for expression.

Luria and Yodavich (1959) indicate that there is disconnectedness between the perceptual and the expressional processes among
mental retardates. Luria (1959) concludes that if changes are to be
made in the feeling states of mentally retarded, the transformation requires slow and repetitive focus on perceptual learning.

Armstrong (1961:141) describes the physiological process of



perception by stating:

Before we can perceive anything, a chain of processes must begin in the object, travel through our sense organs, and reach the brain. Until these complex processes occur, perception cannot occur.

Frostig (1963) found through her experiences in working with children enrolled at an "educational therapy" school for children with learning difficulties that disturbances in the child's visual and auditory perceptual systems contributed to low scores on achievement and intelligence measures. She stated "the children performed as if they were retarded."

Some researchers have attempted to isolate the origins of retardation. Research has pointed out that there is no single cause for mental retardation or retarded perceptual development.

Sarason (1.959) points out that we cannot reasonably expect to overhaul or alter the entire educational system to fit the limitations of marginal students (EMR). It is desirable to isolate those conditions which are detrimental to the development of perceptual skills and establish corrective or preventative measures.

Stenquist's (1953), Kunner's (1949), and Davis's (1948) research have isolated areas which influence not only the mentally handicapped student's perceptions, but the perceptual effectiveness of all persons. These are listed as socioeconomic and social class factors, ethnic differences, language handicaps and bilingualism,



rural-urban differences, sex differences, and cultural and subcultural factors.

In order for perception to exist between two or more human organisms, it is necessary that there be a commonality of background and experiences. There must be a shared similarity of meaning of the referent . . . the stimulus. Tajfel (1969:317) reinforces this proposition by emphasizing that the individual perceives his environment in terms of his own experiences, interests, and understandings and any stimulus condition which is atypical (foreign) or different (distorted) from his perceptual set may cause a discrepancy in the information giving and receiving system.

Cultural influences plus the individual differences among persons are major factors which cause subjective interpretations of members from the same and different cultures. Cultural influences, according to Hirst (1965), provide much input on the perceptual qualities of the members of the culture. It should also be recognized that each member of a culture, or subculture, is a unique and subjective individual. These individuals have personal concerns, values, conflicts, attitudes, and prejudices. They form favorable and unfavorable opinions about a variety of phenomena.

Much of the current literature points to cultural conditions as a cause for slow adjustment and adaptability of children to their environment. Janke's (1945) study shows that a disproportionate number



of identified educable mentally retarded have backgrounds of lower socioeconomic cultural status. He summarizes that children from lower origins do not have the awarenesses and skills to attain higher scores on culturally biased psychometric instruments nor to conceptualize on middle status values. They can only relate back in the manner in which they perceived their environment. Glidewell (et al.) (1966:224) points out:

Each child enters a classroom with certain personal attributes already developed. For the purposes of convenience, these can be classified as physical, intellectual, emotional, and social attributes. These attributes are interpreted in terms of how the child perceives his environment according to his preconditioned values and attitudes.

EMR children may have some or all of the following characteristics which will affect their perception of the environment. According to Cross (1970:2) these characteristics are:

- --a slow learning rate
- -- an unrealistic self-concept
- --poor retention
- --shortened attention span
- --problems in perceptual discrimination (auditory and visual)
- --lowered frustration tolerance.

Sengstock (1962:44) directed his comments at perceptual qualities in the mentally retarded:

The retarded face many problems similar to those that are faced by physically handicapped children; however, children with physical handicaps evoke sympathy and at least attempts on the part of society to understand their problems. The child who is mentally retarded has a non-visible handicap and is merely thought of as being an inferior human being. Children who are treated as though they are inferior soon



accept this treatment as a fact and look upon themselves as being unworthy individuals.

Allport (1937:27) in his experimental work on individual consistencies in perceptual styles states:

Personality is not seen as a determinant in perceptual responses by virtue of conditions common to social or cultural group, but rather in terms of individual differences superimposed on a common social background.

Davis (1948) found that a child's social perceptual dimension is a better predictor of success in his interpersonal relationships than any other factor.

Sengstock (1962:57) later addressed his thoughts in the form of a challenge to the role of the school:

To counteract the negative views that the child has of himself and help him to hold values and behave in such a way that the general image he has of society is positive rather than negative...

Cogan (1958) carries this concept further by implying that how a child views his classroom environment (teachers' behavior, for example) has an important influence upon the child. The teacher perceives the student's behavior, and adjusts his own behavior which, in turn modifies the student's behavior.

Sengstock (1962:49) summarizes his remarks by stating:

In as educators we can see the relationship between perceptions, self-concept, and behavior, learning, adjustment and intelligence, certainly we should also see that we have a responsibility to our students to develop favorable self-concepts in them. It is therefore important for the school program to place a heavy reliance on providing the experiences within



the school setting for developing perceptual skills which will help the retardate gain self-respect and obtain the understanding and respect of others. The teacher's attitude, the climate in the classroom, and all activities must be conducive to creating an atmosphere which allows the mentally retarded to gain skills in living successfully with others.

Rogers (1961:158) reflects that learning will be facilitated if a teacher is consistent and congruent. This involves the teacher not only being what he is, but knowing who he is. He must be aware of the attitudes that he holds. The teacher should be aware of his needs in relation to the prescribed needs of his students.

EMR student feelings, attitudes, and values are affected by the rapport established between student and teacher. Student perceptions, according to Proshansky and Murphy (1942), are of considerable consequence to the teacher. Implicit in their study is that teachers must be cognizant of what students say and every thing they do.

Teachers must be aware of how important the slightest gesture might be in influencing the child.

Galloway (1970) asserts that implications from the personal perceptual processes are important in establishing positive student-teacher relationships. Teachers must not only have skills in perceiving others but also develop a perceptual understanding of themselves . . . a realistic self-concept.



Assessments of Perceptions

In a search for and the subsequent review of literature relating to the measurement of EMR perceptions through visual and/or audio systems, the researcher found sparse effort in this direction.

Preceding investigations concerned with empirically testing and validating the person-perceptions of expressed bodily emotions have, at times, used audio-visual media. Darwin (1955) studied earlier man through paintings and sculpture. Allport and Vernon (1933) and Landis (1929) studied emotions through photographs; Birdwhistle (1952) systematically studied the most minute gestures (kines) of human interaction through motion films.

Levy, Orr, and Rosenweig's (1960) investigation showed still photographs of persons' facial expressions to groups of subjects, college students and mental retardates. The subjects were to interpret the expressions with implications of emotions expressed by the photographs. They found that there was no direct correlation between intelligence and the ability to identify correctly the expressions of photographs.

Moss (1927) may have laid the foundation for a conclusion to the Levy et al. study. Moss stated that sensitivity toward facial expression and aural intonations is related to social intelligence.

Zaidel and Mehrabian's (1967) investigation showed that female encoders were better able to communicate facial attitudes than male encoders.



In order to focus more closely on the Galloway Nonverbal Categories of behavior it is important that we look at the definitions and descriptions as defined and ordered by the author (1970:11) in his continuum.

- 1. Enthusiastic Support. Enthusiastic approval, unusual warmth, emotional support, or strong encouragement. A smile or nod to show enjoyment, pleasure, or satisfaction. A pat on the back, a warm greeting of praise, or any act that shows obvious approval. Vocal intonation or inflection of approval and support.
- 2. Helping. A spontaneous reaction to meet a pupil's request, help a pupil, or answer a need. A nurturant act. A look of acceptance and understanding of a problem, implying "I understand," or "I know what you mean," and followed up by appropriate action. An action intended to help. A tender, compassionate, or supportive voice. Or a laugh, a vocalization that breaks the tension.
- Receptivity. Willingness to listen with patience and interest to pupil talk. By paying attention to the pupil, the teacher shows interest, implying that "lines of communication are open." He maintains eye contact, indicates patience and attention, suggests a readiness to listen or an attempt at trying to understand. A pose or stance of alertness, readiness, or willingness to have pupils talk. A gesture that indicates the pupil is on the "right track." A gesture that openly or subtly encourages the pupil to continue. The teacher augments pupil talk or encourages the pupil to continue: "Yes. yes" (um-hm), "Go on," "Okay," "All right," or "I'm listening." Such a vocalization supplements and encourages the pupil to continue.
- 4. Pro Forma. A matter of form or for the sake of form.
 Whether a facial expression, action, or vocal language,
 it neither encourages nor inhibits communication. A
 routine act in which the teacher does not need to listen
 or to respond.
- 5. Inattentive. Unwillingness or inability to be attentive.

 Disinterest or impatience with pupil talk. Avoidance of

eye contact. Apparent disinterest, unwillingness to listen. Slouchy or unalert posture. "Don't care attitude," the ignoring of pupil talk. Stance indicating internal tension, preoccupation, or concern with own thoughts. A hand gesture to block or terminate pupil talk. Impatience, or "I want you to stop talking."

- 6. Unresponsive. Failure to respond when a response would ordinarily be expected. Eogcentric behavior, openly, ignoring need, insensitive to feeling. An obvious denial of pupil feelings, noncompliance. Threatens, cajoles, condescends. Withdrawing from a request or expressed need of a pupil. Disaffection or unacceptance of feeling. A gesture suggesting tension or nervousness. Obvious interruption and interference.
- 7. Disapproval. Strong disapproval, negative overtones, disparagement, or strong dissatisfaction. Frowning, scowling, threatening glances. Derisive, sarcastic, or disdainful expression that "sneers at" or condemsn. Physical attack or aggressiveness—a blow, slap, or pinch. A pointed finger that pokes fun, belittles, or threatens pupils. Vocal tone that is hostile, cross, irritated, or antagonistic. Utterance suggesting unacceptance, disappointment, depreciation, or discouragement.

The recording of the seven categories of teachers' nonverbal behavior (Galloway, 1970) on videotape presents a series of ongoing classroom incidents. The subjects are presented in videotape with a classroom situation with meaningful referents. The videotape presents not only visual imagery but an auditory component. The content of the videotape will hereafter be referred to as the Visual Person-Perception Test.

Many studies discerning expressions and gestures utilized static and arrested stimuli. The effectiveness of utilizing a dynamic over a static stimulus is presented by a summary of studies by Bruner



and Tagiuri (1969:638):

All in all, one wonders about the significance of "facial expression of emotions" in isolation. From the point of view of the adaptiveness of social behavior, it is rare to the vanishing point that judgment ever takes place on the basis of a face caught in a state similar to that provided by a photograph snapped at 20 milliseconds.

Thompson and Meltzer (1964:129) state that prior studies have shown small concern about the communicator, the expressor, the actor of emotion as a source of variance in the recognition of emotion.

By freezing the contribution of the expressor of the emotional communication into a static photograph or drawing, the net result has been to focus attention upon the judge of the emotion rather than upon the expressor.

Many recent studies in this area have used television systems to record and subsequently study nonverbal behavior in structured and unstructured situations. Many studies, using this medium, have been concerned with analyzing nonverbal behavior in a theraputic situation (Ekman, 1964; Wachtel, 1967).

Tyler (1968) related the effectiveness of the television medium as a form for communicating messages:

The use planned for the television medium includes the recording of problem/solution situations acted out before the camera to point out real life behaviors in the classroom. The role playing situations have already proved their value in both staff and youth development programs. Also, this medium has been used frequently for various research and experimental uses as an important tool by virtue of its impact through actual involvement. Television, a universally accepted powerful communication medium augments the benefits of role playing and presents a low key, yet highly effective way of passing ideas from ont group to another. Clearly the



underlying reason for the effectiveness in these applications results from television's capability to convey not only the written word, but also the verbal and nonverbal forms of communication. In addition to the value of a televised recording of role playing in transferring ideas, television provides the viewer with the opportunity to be critical, through direct observation, in his own interpretation of the incident.

Heger (1968:1) states:

The advent of the video recorder has opened new dimensions in the analysis of classroom events. At last teachers and educational researchers have an economical means to preserve and reproduce the communication and behavior events of the classroom. The potential of this new instrument is partially manifest by the growing variety of research and teacher preparation projects which incorporate video recording.

Summary

There is emerging evidence that nonverbal behavior has much impact on the communicative systems of man. Nonverbal communication does not consist of discrete forms of gestures, bodily positions, paralanguage, movements, etc., but rather represents an integral part of our message sending and receiving system.

The extent to which educable mentally retarded adolescents perceive the signals, clues, and cueing signs of others... especially teachers... is the focus of this study.

The research effort and investigations defining and evaluating the person-perceptual qualities of EMR youth, are meager. Even so, the few studies located and referenced revealed that EMR adolescents' perceptions are limited and underdeveloped.



It was not the purpose of this review of literature to approach a method of replicating past efforts but to add a dimension of research effort directed toward assessing the impact of lifelike, dynamic, and ongoing nonverbal messages which are directed at the affective qualities . . . the feeling states of EMR youngsters.



CHAPTER III

PROCEDURES

Before the collection of data began, the researcher had to prepare a general design of the experiment. The manner in which subjects were to be selected and grouped and the sequence of the non-verbal categorical incidents for the experimental instrument had to be specified. The design had to be constructed so that the resulting data would provide for a valid analysis of the different factors under consideration. The factors or variables considered in this study are:

- a. sex of subject
- b. age of subjects
- c. subject's I.Q. score
- d. subject's reading score (comprehension)
- e. Test of Social Inference score of each subject
- f. race of subject
- g. socio-economic background of subject

The research design was constructed to consider how each of these variables would correlate to each of the seven incidents of the Galloway Continuum.

This study is concerned with visually interpreting the Galloway



Continuum for defining discrete categories of nonverbal behavior.

This categorical system rates teacher's nonverbal behavior from encouraging (positive) to proforma (neutral) to inhibiting (negative).

Designing of the Experimental Instrument

The seven categories of the Galloway Nonverbal Behavioral Continuum were dramatized and visually recorded on Memorex 1/2" videotape. The video equipment used for taping consisted of:

- 1 3600 Sony video tape recorder
- 3 Sony AVC 3200 Cameras with camera monitors
- 1 Javalin VC 100 camera with camera monitor
- 1 Sony Special Effects Generator 1
- 2 Conrac 9" monitors
- 2 Sony 11" monitors
- 1 Sony 9" monitor
- 2 Conrac 19" monitors
- 2 omnidirectional microprones
- 1 Shore Mike Mixer
- 1 Sony EV 320 F 1" VTR (used for editing only)

Each of the categories became a separate taped incident.

These incidents ranged in length from twenty to fifty-seven seconds.

The participants in the dramatized incidents were four female graduate students playing the roles of teachers, and five teenage boy



and girl actors representing the students in the taped episodes. The teenagers were recruited from the Columbus, Ohio Junior Theater of the Arts. These youth were chosen for their ability and skill in verbal and nonverbal presentations.

The incidents were videotaped at the A/V Media Television Studio in Columbus, Ohio. The studio was furnished to represent a classroom. On the classroom set was a student table, chairs, a teacher's desk and chair, and standard instructional regalia such as charts, books, tablets, pencils, and other associated artifacts.

A script and story board (Appendix A) was prepared by

Charles M. Galloway and the researcher. These were given to the

teacher-actors and student-actors several weeks before the taping

session. Each teacher-actor and student-actor was assigned a specific
role and function.

Present at the taping session were a sound and video engineer, two cameramen, a floor director, four teacher-actors, and five student-actors. Charles M. Galloway and the researcher directed the incidents.

Two of the teacher-actors were white . . . the other two were black. All but one of the student-actors (mean age 13.5) were white.

One was black.

Each teacher-actor was represented in all of the seven categories. This required four recordings of each category. The five



student-actors appeared in all twenty-eight incidents.

Planned Sequencing of Incidents

The seven incidents were written on small cards and were drawn from a box. There were fourteen cards with each of the seven incidents labeled "white" or "black." As each card was drawn, it was listed in numerical sequence. For instance, the first card drawn was receptivity, "black." The second card was enthusiastic support, "black." This card was placed back in the box and other cards were subsequently drawn until an unlike incident with "white" was drawn. This process was continued until each separate incident was selected with an alternating "white" or "black" teacher-actor.

Incidents one through seven were drawn with the alternating "white" and "black" teacher-actors. Incidents eight through fourteen were reversals of one through seven. This then became tape "A."

Tape "B" was the same order as tape "A" except for the reversal of "black" and "white." The sequences are listed in Chapter IV, Table 5.

The rationale for the planned sequencing was each tape would be presented to 50 per cent of the subjects, thereby providing the necessary degree of freedom between the white teacher-actors and the black teacher-actors.

Eight considerations were implemented in the production of the videotaped incidents (Visual Person-Perception Test). These were:

1. As mentioned above, all seven incidents were acted out by



- all four female teacher-actors. These incidents were sequentially ordered for each of the two tapes.
- 2. EMR subjects viewed either tape "A" or "B" and each tape included seven incidents acted out by a "white" teacher-actor and another seven incidents acted out by a "black" teacher-actor. A total of fourteen incidents.
- 3. Within each school and within each grade within each school, approximately half the total subjects viewed tape "A" and the other half, tape "B".
- 4. All five of the student-actors were the same in all twenty-eight incidents.
- 5. The teacher-actors were all female graduate students enrolled in the department of education, The Ohio State University. They were all youthful in appearance and were physiologically similar.
- 6. The video taped presentation (Visual Person-Perception Test) utilized natural classroom sounds, student talk, and movement. The teacher-actors did not verbalize in any incident but acted, reacted, and interacted in terms of postures, gestures, facial movements, and the use of the physical space.
- 7. The nonverbal communicative behaviors of the four teacheractors, for each incident, were as identical as possible.



8. The Visual Person-Perception Test was validated by professional educators employed by the Ohio Department of Education, Division of Special Education (Table 1).

Validation of the Person-Perception Test

The objective of this validation process was to establish some level of validity in terms of the scenes representing the various categories of the Galloway Continuum.

The categorical sequences were validated by educational consultants employed by the Ohio Department of Education, Division of Special Education. All consultants had teaching experience (mean 8.5 years). All had some teaching experience with educable mentally retarded children. All but one had a master's degree (Table 1).

The sequence viewed by the judges were the first seven incidents of tape "A." No attempt was made to correlate the judges' ratings with those of the subjects' since the rationales were different.

It was the intent of this study to determine if EMR students on a junior high level differentiated the teacher-actors' nonverbal be-havioral qualities and the judges were to determine if each category represented what it was intended to represent.

There were seventeen (17) judges and seven (7) scenes. For each scene there were five possible ratings (Appendix F). Table 2 ranks these incidents in order of the Galloway Continuum . . . from



enthusiastic support to dissapproval. The judges viewed the first seven incidents of tape "A," the same tape "A" which half of the subjects viewed and rated.

The researcher reordered Table 2 for clarity of meaning and readability.

TABLE 1

JUDGES' IDENTIFYING DATA

Judge's Name		Yrs. Exper.	Academic Level	
1.	William Hartwig	15	M. A. +15	
2.	George Fichter	9	M. A.	
3.	Patrick Gibbons	21	B. S. +20	
4.	James Schimmoller	6	M. A.	
5.	Joseph Fisher	8	M. A.	
6.	Thomas Fisher	4	M. A.	
7.	Joseph Todd	3	M. A.	
8.	Nicholas Gallo	10	M. A. +50	
9.	Frank New	12	M. A. +10	
10.	Twila Johnson	6	M. A. +10 M. A.	
11.	Jack Stowers	11	M. A. M. A.	
12.	Geraldine Parham	12	M. A. +13	
13.	Jack Cross	18	M. A. +13	
14.	Barbara Blake	5	M. A.	
15.	Frank Gross	6	M. A. M. A.	
16.	Victor Naples	7		
17.	Richard Humphrey	4	M. A. M. A.	
	Mean	8.5	444. 41.	

In analyzing the judges' responses, there is no significant deviation from the judges' ratings to what the incidents were intended to visually describe. The greatest exception to this was the fifty category, inattentive. The experiental mean (total of the judges' scores per



incident divided by the number of judges) placed well within the 50 per cent deviation range of the inattentive category. The judges' scores were compared to the theoretical mean. The theoretical mean was established by arbitrarily assigning a rating of 1.00 to disapproval and adding two-thirds of a point to each succeeding incident. This established a rationale numerical correlation between the three-point subjects' rating scale (Appendix D) and the five-point scale by which the judges rated and validated the seven incidents (Appendix F).

According to the judges' ratings, all scenes represented those behavioral categories which they were designed to typify.

It should also be noted again that the incidents were designed and directed by Charles M. Galloway and the researcher which could have added to the validity of the experimental instrument.

TABLE 2

COMPARISON OF THE JUDGES' EXPERIMENTAL MEAN

TO THE THEORETICAL MEAN

Incidents	Total Judges' Responses	Exper. Mean	Theoretical Mean	Diff.
Enthusiastic support	82	4. 82	5. 00	18
Helping	74	4. 35	4. 33	02
Receptivity	66	3. 90	3.66	. 02
Proforma	50	2. 94	3.00	. 24
Inattentive	34	2.00	2. 33	06
Unresponsive	25	1. 47	1.66	33
Disapproval	18	1.06	1.00	19 . 06



Testing for Reliability

In order to determine the reliability of the Visual Person-Perception Test, selected subjects were presented the taped incidents after a lapse of four months. The first testing situation was during the week of March 27, 1972 and the re-test was on July 20, 1972.

The re-test sample consisted of eleven subjects who had viewed tape "A" and nine subjects who saw tape "B." The subjects were re-tested with the same tape they originally rated.

The following are lists of constraints inherent in the re-testing situation.

- 1. The subjects were taken from a different contextual situation. The subjects were removed from an academic class during the original testing. For the re-test they were taken from a job orientation program held in a recreation center.
- 2. The smallness of the re-test group did not provide sufficient numbers to obtain the balancing effect as in the original testing situation.
- 3. The professional (school psychologist) who administered the re-test was not the same person (also a school psychologist) who gave the original test.

These three limitations caused a difference in the placement of specific subjects in particular groups. Therefore, the original



testing groups could not be closely duplicated for the re-test. The data from the second testing had to consist of the subjects' responses to individual scenes.

The comparison of differences of subjects' responses were tested for each incident in both tape A and B by the method of paired difference. That is, the mean scores of the original testing and the re-test were compared scene by scene and tape by tape.

This method of comparing the initial and subsequent testing was selected because it eliminates sources of variance existing from pair to pair and, as mentioned above, the original groupings were not possible to duplicate for the second administration of the Visual Person-Perception Test.

The T method compares the calculated values of the differences in the subjects' scores, between the initial and subsequent test, with a table value. This is to determine if the differences are significant or not from a zero value. The closer to zero value, the less the significant difference.

The Average Difference column shows the difference from the initial test mean scores to those of the subsequent test. For instance, Scene 1, tape B indicates a minus difference. That is, the nine subjects who were retested on tape B rated enthusiastic support almost one mean value higher (-0.999) than on the initial test.



TABLE 3

COMPARISON OF SUBJECTS' SCORES FOR THE VISUAL PERSON-PERCEPTION TEST: ORIGINAL AND RE-TEST

	Tape A		Tape A	Tape B	
Variable		T Value	Average Diff.	T Value	Average Diff.
Enthusiastic					
Support	s	1.832	-9. 454*	2. 994	-0. 999
Helping	S	1.268	-0.544	1. 997	-0.666
Receptivity	S	1.377	-0. 454	0. 694	-0222
Proforma	S	0. 568	0.090	1. 148	-0.333
Inattentive	S	1.435	-0.272	0. 427	-0.111
Unresponsive	S	2.020	-0.727	0.000	. 0. 000
Disapproval	S	1.228	-0. 454	0.358	-0.111
Enthusiastic					-0,111
Support	D	0. 932	-0. 363	0.555	-0.111
Helping	D	1.173	-0. 363	0.000	0.000
Receptivity	D	0.454	0.181	0.000	0.000
Proforma	D	0.879	-0. 272	0.358	0.111
Inattentive	D	1. 466	-0. 454	0.709	-0.333
Unresponsive	D	0.790	-0. 181	1.491	-0. 222
Disapproval	D	1.731	-0.363	1.000	-0.333

^{*(-)} indicates subjects scored dependent variable higher on the retest than on the original test

Table 3 indicates that all dependent variables, with the exception of the first incident on tape B, showed no importance differences between the subjects' responses from the original testing to the retesting on the experimental instrument.

Experimental Variables

The Gilmore Oral Reading Test, the Test of Social Inference, and the experimental instrument were administered by a female



psychologist on temporary leave from the Mansfield City School district. This psychologist had a master's degree and is certified as a school psychologist by the Ohio Department of Education.

The Gilmore Oral Reading Test, Test of Social Inference, and the experimental instrument were administered to all eighty-four subjects from Monday through Friday during the morning sessions (8:30 A. M. to 11:15 A. M.) during the last three weeks in March, 1972. The experimental instrument was administered in groups of four to five. The Gilmore Oral Reading and Test of Social Inference were administered individually. All tests administered by the tester were administered in a quiet, secluded room away from the mainstream of the school's activities.

Variables to be Related to the Experimental Factors

- a. Subjects' race (black or white)
- b. Subjects' age
- c. Subjects' sex
- d. Subjects' I. Q. scores
- e. Subjects' reading comprehension score
- f. Subjects' Test of Social Inference score

The I. Q. tests (Stanford-Binet) were all administered within the past year-and-a-half prior to this study. Subjects' ages and I. Q. scores were provided from the students' cumulative records by the Mansfield City School District.



The subjects of this experiment were eighty-four (84) EMR (educable mentally retarded) junior high school students who attended junior high school in the Mansfield City School District, Mansfield, Ohio. The rationale for the selection of this school district was to provide for wide applicability to other geographical areas.

Mansfield has sufficient population to be classified as an urban center (over 50,000 total population) and is surrounded and influenced by a vast rural area.

The Gilmore Oral Reading Test

The Gilmore Oral Reading Test was selected for its ease of administration and for its reliability in testing for a reading comprehension grade level. This test vas not diagnostic but gave a fairly accurate assessment of the subjects' reading level.

The Gilmore Oral Reading Test, Form D and the Test of Social Inference (Edmondson, 19/1), were both administered to the subjects two weeks prior to the administration of the experimentally designed instrument.

Test of Social Inference

The Test of Social Inference is an individually administered instrument designed to assess the social inferences and awarenesses of retarded adolescents. A short form of The Test of Social Inference was used in this study. It consists of fourteen (14) 8 x 10 inch picture



items (Appendix B). The subjects were asked to interpret certain appropriate actions and contextual clues and make judgments. The quality of the judgmental responses determined the subject's score (T. S. I., Subject Rating Sheet, Appendix C).

Socio-economic Levels of Subjects

This study classified subjects as lower or middle status based on the U.S. Bureau of Census Report for Mansfield, Ohio, 1970. The median family income, median property valuation, per cent of employment level, and the per cent of housing units rated in sound condition were the criteria utilized in the socio-economic classification. In a few instances, other factors were considered; i.e., father's and/or mother's profession, parental educational level, job responsibilities, and other differentiating information located on the Subject's Identification (Data) Sheet (Appendix D).

All data collected or each subject came from one or a combination of two or three sources. These sources were:

- 1. Subjects' school records
- 2. U.S. Bureau of Census Report for Mansfield, Ohio, 1970
- 3. Testing initiated through this study.

Procedures for the Experimentation

All three junior high schools in the Mansfield City School
District have special classes for EMR students. They are Appleseed,

Sherman, and Simpson Junior High Schools. The research was conducted in all three schools and all EMR classes within the schools.

The building principal of each school made available a quiet space for administering tests.

Before administering the Visual Person-Perception Test, the researcher prescheduled the subjects into groups of five (with the exception of one group of four).

The following criteria was used for providing a balancing effect of the groupings. Each group included:

- a. White and black EMR subjects
- b. Male and female subjects
- c. Lower and middle class status subject(s).

The student's rating sheets (Appendix D) were designed specifically for this study by Charles M. Galloway, the researcher and three consultants with the Ohio Department of Education, Division of Special Education. They were

- 1. Jacque Cross, Chief, EMR section
- 2. Geraldine Parham, consultant
- 3. Jack Stowers, consultant.

Administering the Experimental Instrument

The subjects were brought to the testing room by a school official. The subjects were seated around a large table on which a



videotape recorder and television monitor were placed.

The tester then distributed the Student Rating Scales to each subject. The tester then read, aloud, the first part of prepared instructions supplied her by the researcher (Appendix E).

The tester then switched on the videotape recorder and the subjects viewed the first incident. The tester switched off the videotape recorder at the completion of the first incident and completed reading the prepared instructions for this part of the experiment. The instructions seemed complete in that, after the presentation of the third incident, no questions were directed from any subject who participated in this study.

There were forty-two discrete statements (three statements per incident times the fourteen incidents) that required subjects' responses.

The researcher arbitrarily assigned values to each point on the Student Rating Scale. For instance, if a subject responded "yes" to a single statement, then three points were assigned. If the subject answered "no," then one point was awarded . . . "I am not sure" response resulted in two points. If a subject was highly favorable in his assessment of a nonverbal behavioral category, then his score would be nine (three responses at three points each). A subject who was completely rejecting of an incident would produce a low score of three. The



following exemplifies the significance of subjects' scoring:

- a. 3, 4 = highly rejecting
- b. 5, 6 = accepting
- c. 7, 8, and 9 = favorable

The testing situation took approximately twenty minutes per group.

Tapes A and B were shown alternately to each succeeding group in each school (Chapter IV, Table 4).

The Visual Person-Perception Test was administered on a 3600 1/2" Sony VTR and viewed on a Sony 16" monitor.

After the administration of the Gilmore Oral Reading Test,

The Test of Social Inference, and the Visual Person-Perception Test
had been completed, scores and indexing variables from the individual
students were coded and prepared for statistical analysis.

Analysis of Data

This study developed and applied an analysis of variance model (Appendix J). The rationales for the selection of the analysis of variance (ANOVA) model were:

- a. The analysis of variance is a mathematical technique which tests the statistical significance of the differences between two or more groups.
- b. The analysis of variance is also effective in partitioning



the variability within a single group of subjects.

c. If there should be any random error between or among groups, it can be statistically eliminated by an adjustment of the data. This could be done within the computer program.

This research was concerned with partitioning the several scores of subjects' within a single group and between groups so the ANOVA model was developed to meet the statistical needs of this design.

This ANOVA model presented a sum of mean squares of scores for each subject and measured these scores to each of the experimentally designed classroom incidents.

The sum of mean squares between groups divided by the sum of mean squares within a group provided an "F" value which was used to interpret statistical significance. The ANOVA model is located in Appendix J.

The second major technique employed was a regression coefficient method. This method was used to assess any statistical significance between the several variables: 1) subject's age; 2) subject's sex; 3) subject's I. Q. score; 4) subject's reading score; and 5) Test of Social Inference score. These variables were individually correlated with subjects' scores on each incident of the Visual Person-Perception Test.



The scores of each variable were placed on a scatter plot,
i.e., reading scores vs. enthusiastic support. The subjects' scores
for each variable was correlated with the subjects' scores for each
incident and an imaginary regression line was fixed to determine any
statistically significance between each variable and incident. The results of the analysis are presented in the following Chapter IV.

In all statistical testing, the values coterminuous to the .05 level of confidence were employed to establish whether the null hypothesis should be accepted or rejected.

Summary

In this chapter the basic design and procedures used in this study have been presented. The process used to develop, design, and implement the experimentation has been described. The factors or variables for consideration were defined and additional testing and data collection were explained. The cooperating school system and the sample have been described.

In order to assess EMR student perceptions of the teachers' nonverbal behaviors, an experimental instrument, the Visual Person-Perception Test, was developed. This test was administered to the subjects and an assessment made to measure the subjects' person-perceptions.

The variables were the subjects' ages, sex, I.Q., reading



comprehension and Test of Social Inference scores, race, and socioeconomic backgrounds. These variables were correlated with each of
the seven taped incidents. These taped incidents we shall refer to as
dependent variables.

As stated earlier, an analysis of variance (ANOVA) model was designed to be used to paritition between group and within group effects,

CHAPTER IV

THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

This chapter will first restate the hypotheses of the study.

The experimental design, including variables and the research design will follow. The analysis of variance model will be described and defined in detail.

The results of the analysis will be reflected by the following variables:

- 1. Subjects' age
- 2. Subjects' sex
- 3. Subjects' scores on Test of Social Inference
- 4. Subjects' scores on Comprehension Reading Test
- 5. Subjects' scores on I.Q. Test
- 6. Socio-economic status of subject
- 7. Subjects' race
- 8. Interaction of race and socio-economic factors

It was hypothesized in this study that junior high school EMR subjects would differentiate various qualities of the nonverbal behaviors of teachers. It was further postulated that certain socioeconomic and ethnic factors would affect the perceptions of the subjects.



Experimental Design

1. Variables and Factors.

The dependent variables to be considered are the students' responses to each of the seven discrete incidents.

The independent variables may be classified into two (2) types. They are:

- (a) Subjects' race, socioeconomic status (SES), I.Q., age, sex, reading comprehension score (RC) and Test of Social Inference score (TSI) of the student, and
- (b) The race of the teacher-actor.

Of secondary interest are variables inherent in the design which shall be referred to as "tape" effects. The "tape" effects are those actions and prescribed behaviors of the teacher-actors. These "tape" effects are indicative of subjects' responses toward the actions of the "taped" teacher-actors' nonverbal behavior. This term is also used to define subject response differences of the same incidents between tape A and B.

The "tape" effects will be described more fully under design.

2. Design.

There were three (3) schools with one to three grades each (see Table 4). Subjects from each grade in a school were divided into groups of four and five.

Each group of subjects was exposed to the fourteen taped



TABLE 4

GROUP AND TAPE DENTIFICATION FOR NONVERBAL BEHAVIOR STUDY BY SCHOOL AND GRADE

Appleseed Sherman Simpso Tape Tape Tape Tape A B A B A 1 - 6,8,18 ³ 5,7 16,17,21 ³ 8 - 2 9,10 11,12,19 ³ - 9 3 4 14 13,15,20 ³		•				School		
A B A B A B A 7 1 - 6,8,18³ 5,7 16,17,21³ 8 - 2 9,10 11,12,19³ - 9 3 4 14 13,15,20³			Appl	pesed	Ø	herman		Simpson
A B A B A B A B A A B A A B A A B A A B A A B A A A B A		·	H	ape		Tape		Tape
7 $1 - 6,8,18^3 5,7 16,17,21^3$ 8 $- 2 9,10 11,12,19^3 -$ 9 3 4 $14 13,15,20^3$,		¥	ф	Ą	Д	Ä	Д
8 - 2 9,10 11,12,193 - $9 3 4 14 13,15,203$		~	1		6, 8, 18 ³	5,7	16, 17, 21 ³	•
4 14	Grade	∞	•	7	9, 10		ŧ	1
		6	m	4	14	13, 15, 20 ³		

1='Values in the body of the table refer to group identification numbers.

2= Tape version viewed by group is indicated by A or B under respective schools.

3= Group was excluded from analysis because of unbalance in design with respect to either sex, socio-economic status, or race. incidents. It is noted that there were two discrete tapes. These tapes were labeled "A" and "B."

Tape A had fourteen scenes consisting of seven episodes, each played once by a black female teacher-actor and once by a white female teacher-actor. The episodes were arranged on the tape in a sequence designed to cancel out any ordering effects that might interfere with estimation of the effects of the actor's race.

Tape B is identical to Tape A except that different teacheractors were used and the sequence of episodes was the reverse of Tape A, again guarding against any order effects which might interfere with subjects' estimation of the incident (see Table 5).

The groups were selected from the students in a grade within a school so as to provide some balance with regard to (1) black to white, (2) male to female, and (3) lower to middle SES classifications (see Table 6).

When the composition of a grade within a school did not allow for a balanced selection for all groups selected from that grade and school, substitutions of similar subjects were made from the final assigned group of that grade. For instance, if a white female seventh grade EMR subject was missing from group six, then a white, female seventh grade EMR subject was substituted from the final group that would view the tape, the final group being from the same school and the same grade. The remaining subjects' scores



TABLE 5

SEQUENCE AND DESIGNATION OF TEACHER-ACTOR'S RACE¹ FOR FILM SCENES VIEWED BY STUDENT GROUPS

•	Та	pe
Scene		
beene	A	В
Receptivity	В	w
Enthusiastic Support	w	B
Unresponsive	В	. w
Pro Forma	w	В
Helping	В	w
Disapproval	w	В
Inattentive	В	w
Inattentive	w	В
Disapproval	В	w
Helping	w	В
Pro Forma	В	w
Unresponsive	w	В
Enthusiastic Support	В	w
Receptivity	w	В

¹B = black teacher-actor and W = white teacher-actor.



TABLE 6

STUDENT COMPOSITION OF GROUPS BY RACE (BLACK AND WHITE), SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS (LOWER AND MIDDLE) AND SEX (MALE AND FEMALE)

	ł	ower		iddle Female	Lov Male I	wer	hite Ne Male	Middle e Female	Number per Group
1	х				х	x	X	x	5
2	х	X			x		X	X	5
3		X	X	x	x		72	X	5
4		X		X			X	XX	5
5	Х	X			ХX		X	2121	5
6	X	X			X	x	45	x	· 5
7	X	X		·	х	x		x	!
8	X	XX			-	x	x	Λ	5
9			X			XX	41	XX	5
l O	X			X	x	X		X	5
1	X	X			X	x	x	Λ.	5
12	X	X		x	XX		21		5 5
13	XX			х		XX			5 5
	X	X				XX	x	,	5 r
5	X				XX		41	x	5
6			X		XXX	x		Λ	4 5
7	XX			x	X	x			5
uk) -								5
[o	tal:								
	15	11	3	6	17	14	7	11	84
	X				XX	XX			5
9					XXXX				4
0	X	X			XX	X			5
1	XX	XXX							5
`ot	al:		,						
	19	15	3	6	25	17	7	11	103

from the final groups were not included in the study. Groups 18, 19, 20, and 21 were excluded from the design lest the race, sex, or SES factor be more confounded by the unbalanced group effect and thereby decrease the efficiency of the design.

The race of the teacher-actors was balanced since four different actors were used. Two were black and two white. Both tapes A and B involved the seven behavioral scenes, each portrayed by one black and one white teacher-actor. Thus, the subjects selected and assigned to particular groups saw all of the seven episodes performed by the same black and white teacher-actors.

It was assumed that by the nature of the testing situation, there would be considerable correlation between responses from students in the same group. This was observed by the tester to be the case and was also visible in the data. For this reason the groups were placed in basic "blocks," comparing average responses of various groups in the analysis for main effects of some of the variables.

3. Sum and Difference of Responses

The level of student response to the nonverbal stimulation together with the effects of the different variables and factors associated with the subject were of primary interest in the analysis.



This study hoped also to ascertain whether the race of the teacher-actor affected the level of subject response.

This study is concerned with two sets of scores for each subject. They are:

a. The sum of scores are the values that the subjects scored for the black teacher-actor plus the white teacher-actor. These sums were derived by adding the subjects' scores for the same incidents within a single taped sequence, either Tape A or Tape B. This presents the subjects' responses in terms of the behavior or the actions of the teacher-actors.

Table 7 incidates that subjects' sum of mean scores ranked the incidents (dependent variables) in sequential order with the most encouraging behavior, enthusiastic support, receiving the highest mean score (14. 203). The subjects also rated the most inhibiting teacher behavior, disapproval, with the lowest mean score (8. 191).

The theoretical maximum mean score for the most encouraging teacher's nonverbal behavior would be 18.000. That is, three statements on the student rating sheet times a maximum of three points for each statement times two incidents of enthusiastic support $(3 \times 3 \times 2)$ on each tape.

The lowest theoretical mean score for the most inhibiting teacher nonverbal behavior, disapproval, would be 6.000. That is, the three statements with a minimum of one point for each statement times



TABLE 7

TOTAL SUBJECTS' MEAN SCORES TO ALL
SEVEN INCIDENTS

Enthusia	stic Support	14. 2	
Helping		14.0	
Receptiv	rity	13.5	
Proform	a	12. 2	
Inattenti	ve	10.3	
Unrespo	nsive	8.4	
Disappro	oval	8. 1	

two incidents in the taped sequence (3 \times 1 \times 2).

Table 7 points out that subjects ranked enthusiastic support

3.797 below the mean and disapproval 2.191 above the theoretical mean.

It can be concluded that subjects responded to the seven categories of the Galloway Nonverbal Continuum and did differentiate among the encouraging categories (enthusiastic support, helping, and receptivity), the neutral behavior (proforma), and inhibiting categories (inattentive, unresponsive, and disapproval).

A comparison of the judges' total ratings was made to a selected sampling of subjects' ratings of the seven nonverbal behavioral incidents.

The purpose for comparing the ratings between subjects and



judges was to ascertain any variability existing between the judges' and subjects' responses.

A comparison was done by graphically presenting subjects' raw scores to the total scoring per incident of the judges.

The judges' ratings indicated a rather well defined and continuous positive slope when plotted out.

According to the judges' responses, the seven incidents on the Visual Person-Perception Test represented the nonverbal categories of the Galloway Continuum (Table 2).

A comparison of subjects' ratings to the judges' ratings is graphically shown on Charts 1 through 16.

Each subject involved in this study was assigned a number by the experimenter (Appendix N). The scores for every fifth subject was used as a basis for comparing subjects' scores with those of the judges.

The raw score of a subject for each of the fourteen dependent variables (incidents) was listed beside the subject's number (Appendix N).

A subject's sum of raw scores for each of the seven incidents was computed. For instance, subject number five rated enthusiastic support by a black teacher with a nine (Appendix N). A rating of seven was the score given to the white teacher for the same incident. This total of sixteen was then plotted on Chart number 1 along with the subject's scoring for each of the other six dependent variables.



A line was then drawn comparing subject number five with the judges' total responses.

An inspection of Charts 1 through 16 indicates that the selected sample of subjects generally responded in the same direction (positive slope) as did the judges.

Below is a listing of the subjects' numbers and the Chart number which represents each subject.

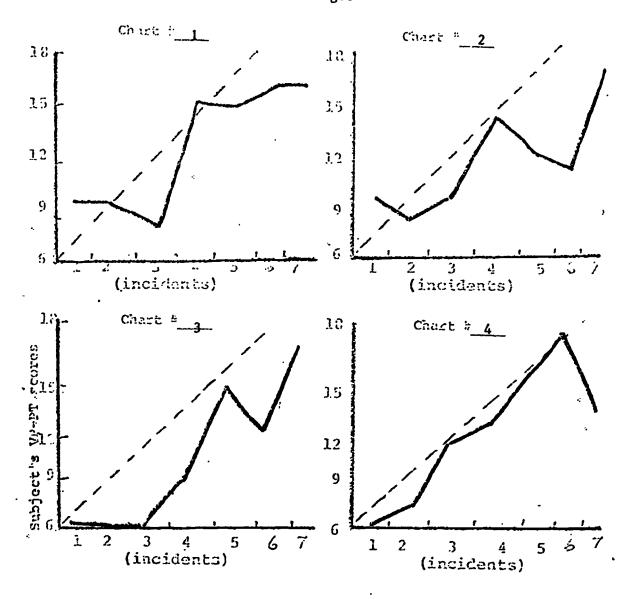
Chart 1 = Subject 5	Chart 9 = Subject 45
Chart 2 = Subject 10	Chart 10 = Subject 50
Chart 3 = Subject 15	Chart 11 = Subject 55
Chart 4 = Subject 20	Chart 12 = Subject 60
Chart 5 = Subject 25	Chart 13 = Subject 65
Chart 6 = Subject 30	Chart 14 = Subject 70
Chart 7 = Subject 35	Chart 15 = Subject 75
Chart 8 = Subject 40	Chart 16 = Subject 80

b. The difference of scores: these are the differences of the subjects' scoring of the black teacher-actors minus the white teacher-actors as presented by similar incidents within a single taped sequence. This presents the students' responses in terms of the race of the teacher-actor. This, then becomes the basis of the analysis of this study.

It was advantageous to perform the analysis in terms of derived scores which directly reflected these two aspects of the experiment.

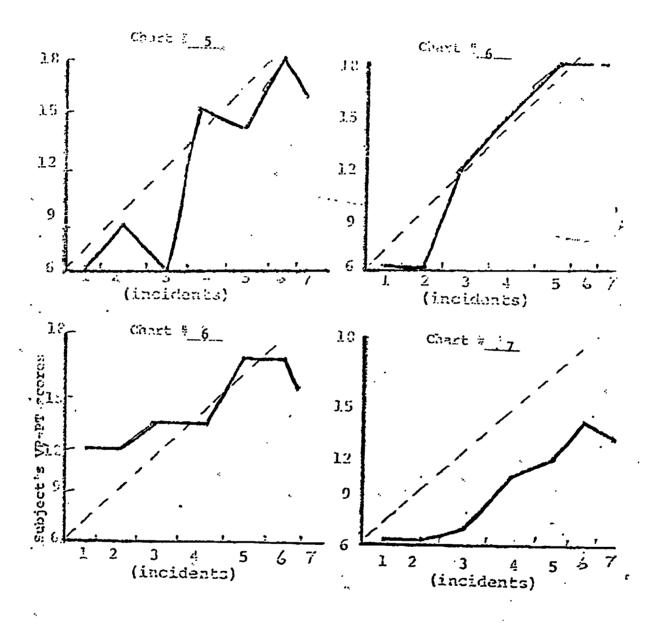


Comparison of Subject's Responses for Each Incident to Those of the Judges



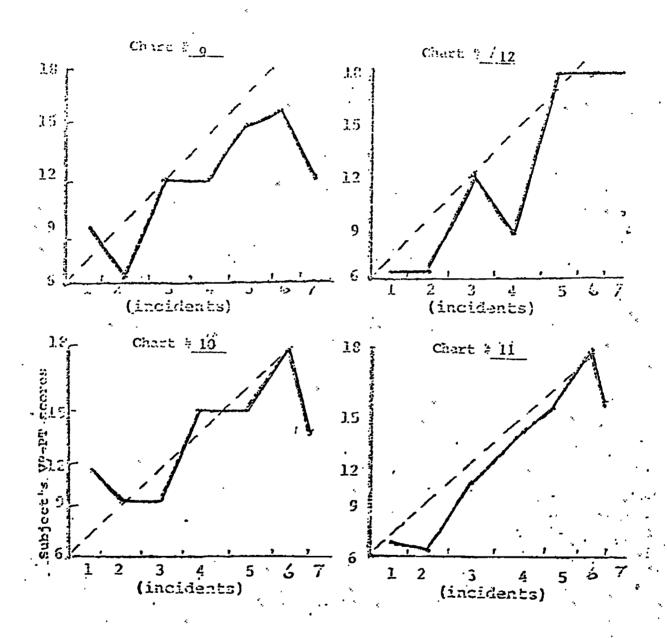
Judges ratings Subject's ratings Incidents:

- 1) disapproval 2) unresponsive
 - inattentive 4) proforma 5) receptivity
 - halping 7) enthusiastic support



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- 3) inattentive 4) proforma 5) receptivity
- 6) helping 7) enthusiastic support

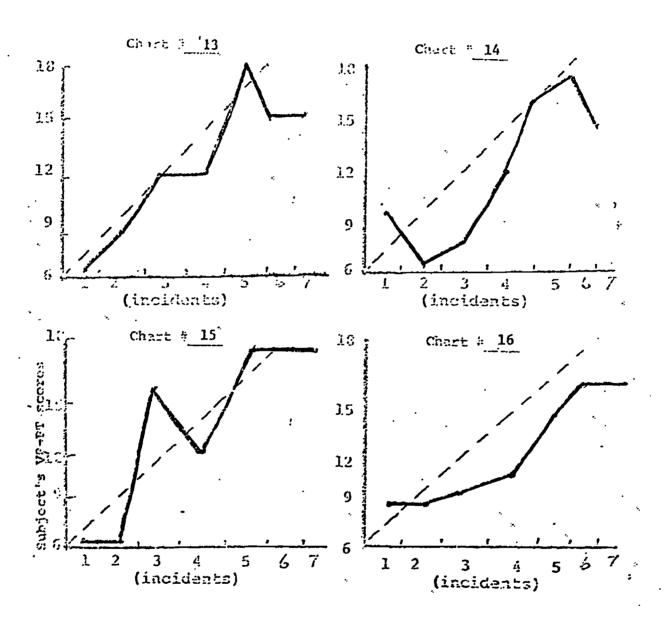


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Since each student gave a response twice for the same incident, once for the black actor and once again for the white actor, it was possible to take the sum and difference of these two responses as the derived scores of interest.

The sum of the two responses indicated the overall level of the student's response to the episode. The difference of the two responses directly reflects the effect of the teacher's race regardless of the level of the responses themselves.

The coding used in the analysis for the sum and difference scores of each scene is given in Table 8. An "S" following the descriptor incidates the sum of scores for particular scene, and the "D" refers to the difference of subjects' scores.

TABLE 8

CODING OF VIDEO TAPED SCENES FOR STUDENT SUM AND DIFFERENCE SCORES

Scene	Sum	Difference
Enthusiastic Support	ENTHSUP-S	ENTHSUP-D
Helping	HELP-S	HELP-D
Receptivity	RECPT-S	RECPT-D
Pro Forma	PROFOR-S	PROFOR-D
Inattentive	INATT-S	INATT-D
Unresponsive	UNRESP-S	UNRESP-D
Disapproval	DISAPP-S	DISAPP-D



Analysis

An analysis of variance model was used for each of the fourteen sum and difference scores described above. The independent factors were:

- 1) Race of the student (R)
- 2) Economic status of the student (E).

The covariates used in this study were:

- l) Subjects' age
- 2) Subjects' sex
- 3) Subjects' reading comprehension score
- 4) Subjects' I. Q. score
- 5) Subjects' Test of Social Inference scores.

Each covariate was analyzed independently to each taped incident to determine any statistical significance. This was done by using a regression coefficient method.

The regression coefficient method assigns all of the subjects' responses to each covariate to a single taped incident. These subjects' responses formed a scatter plot (Appendix H). The slope of the line within each of the scatter plots determined the importance of the unadjusted covariate to each incident (dependent variable).

The slope may be positive or negative. For instance, if the slope of the line for subjects' T. S. I. scores to Receptivity-Sum runs from left to right, then the slope is considered positive. For instance,



an increase ir 'he subjects' T.S.I. scores correlated with an increase in the subjects' affective responses toward the Receptivity-Sum. The subjects with higher T.S.I. scores responded more positively to the behavior of the white and black teachers-actors. A negative slope would indicate a decreasing correlation between subjects' T.S.I. scores and their responses to this type of teacher nonverbal behavior.

If the slope of the line was significantly different than zero, then the covariate was considered.

Those unadjusted covariates that received consideration from the regression coefficient method were I.Q., T.S.I., and reading comprehension.

The experimental design allowed these variables to be used as a covariate which provided for less complexity and with no loss in statistical effectiveness.

The following analysis of variance model was designed by the Educational Consultant System especially for this study.

$$y_{ij} = \mu + h_i + r_m + e_n + (re)_{mn} + (hr)_{jm} + (he)_{jm} + \sum_{ij}^{5} 1 \times x^2_{ij} + \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

The definitions for this model will be found in Appendix J.

An important function of this ANOVA model is that an individual subject's response to a particular incident is analyzed and this response can be compared to the average or overall responses of all



other subjects to that specific incident.

This ANOVA model also provides a comparison of a subject's or subjects' responses to all appropriate covariates (I.Q., Reading, T.S.I., age, and sex) and independent variables (race, socioeconomic status and combination of race by socioeconomic status) to each of the fourteen incidents (dependent variables).

The ANOVA model was programmed into the storage bank of the computer. Subjects' responses for the fourteen dependent variables were then analyzed, producing means and means squares (covariates and independent variables were also integrated in this analysis).

These values were then compared with the values in an F

Table to determine statistical significance.

The analysis following this model (Appendix J) allows estimation and tests for each of the covariates and factors of the sum and difference scores.

The value of the mean, for a difference score is the overall difference of student response between the black and white acting teacher (i. e., the main effect for teacher race).

The regression coefficients are actually interaction effects on the unadjusted scores for each of the fourteen dependent variables (Table 8).



Results

1. Age and sex.

Preliminary analyses showed that age and sex had no visible effect on any of the fourteen sum and difference scores. These were excluded from subsequent analysis (Tables 12 and 13).

2. I. Q., T. S. I. and R C.

These independent variables (covariates) had some significant effect, when unadjusted for the other covariates.

A summary of Tables 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are given in Table 14. The "+" sign in the righthand column of Table 14 indicates the regression coefficient was positive, i.e., the covariate showed a positive correlation with the score.

It should be remembered that the difference scores were all "black" minus "white," thus, a positive correlation indicates that the student with higher covariate value tended to respond higher to the black teacher than to the white teacher. The "-" sign in the righthand column indicates a negative correlation and hence the reverse relationship.

An inspection of the scatter plots in Appendix H indicates that the correlations with T. S. I. may be mainly due to the one student with a high T. S. I. score (14) who also had high scores on the variables in question.



TABLE 9

	VARIABLES	7 A	VARIABLES	
Variable		F Value	P Less Than	Raw Regression Coeff.
Enthusiastic Support	Ø	8.479	0.007	798 0
Helping	တ	6.341	0. 017	
Receptivity	Ø	8. 612	0.006	500000
Pro Forma	ഗ	2.392	0. 132	0.331
Inattentive	ഗ	1.023	0.320	0.23
Unresponsive	တ	0.009	0.924	.0. 015 7. 015
Disapproval	တ	0.673	0.418	0.015
Enthusiastic Support	Д	4.605	0.040	-0.10
Helping	А	1, 720		0.200
Receptivity	Д	0.0.0	0.199	-0.146
Pro Forma	ב		0. 921	0.013
	1	1.538	0.224	-0.187
Inattentive	Д	0.001	0. 975	-0.003
Unresponsive	Д	1,319	0.259	
Disapproval	Д	1.268	0.269	-0.140



TABLE 10

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Variable		F Value	P Less Than	Raw Regression Coeff.
Enthusia stic Support	w	4,218	0,049	0.176
Helping	ഗ	0.811	0.375	0.083
Receptivity	တ	2. 462	0.127	0.114
Pro Forma	တ	0.059	0.809	0.027
Inattentive	တ	0.548	0,465	-0.095
Unresponsive	တ	0.322	0.574	-0.052
Disapproval	v.	0.496	0.487	-0.070
Enthusiastic Support	А	1, 231	0.276	0.065
Helping	Д	2.042	. 0.163	0.094
Receptivity	Д	0.236	0.631	0.037
Pro Forma	Д	0.110	0.742	0.030
Inattentive	Д	0.574	0.455	-0.046
Unresponsive	Ω	3.039	0.091	-0. 123
Disapproval	Ω	0.184	0, 671	-0.023

TABLE 11

UNAD	UNADJUSTED SU	BJECTS' I. Q. SC	ORES TOWARD DEF	SUBJECTS' I. Q. SCORES TOWARD DEPENDENT VARIABLES
Variable		F Value	P Less Than	Raw Regression Coeff.
Enthusiastic Support	ဟ	5.044	0.032	0.130
Helping	ഗ	4. 227	0.048	0. 129
Receptivity	တ	3.740	0.062	0.094
Pro Forma	တ	1.332	0.257	0.086
Inattentive	တ	0.585	0.450	-0.066
Unresponsive	တ	1.114	0.299	-0.065
Disapproval	တ	6, 175	0.019	-0.155
Enthusiastic Support	Д	3, 537	0.069	0.072
Helping	А	0.432	. 0.516	0.030
Receptivity	Д	2.068	0.160	0.072
Pro Forma	Д	0.170	0.683	-0.026
Inattentiv e	А	0.032	0.859	0.007
Unresponsive	А	0.118	0.734	-0.017
Disapproval	Д	1.588	0.217	-0.044

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TABLE 12

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Variable		F Value	P Less Than	Raw Regression Coeff.
Enthusiastic Support	တ	1. 121	0. 298	-0.057
Helping	S	1.045	0.314	-0, 060
Receptivity	တ	1.943	0.173	-0.062
Pro Forma	တ	2, 565	0.119	-0.104
Inattentive	တ	1.819	0.187	-0.102
Unresponsive	S	0.118	0.734	-0.019
Disapproval	တ	1.303	0.262	0.068
Enthusiastic Support	Ω	0.814	0.374	-0.032
Helping	Д	0.187	0.669	-0.018
Receptivity	Д	0.676	0.417	-0.037
Pro Forma	Д	0.586	0.450	-0.042
Inattentive	Д	2.260	0.143	-0.054
Unresponsive	Д	0.052	0.821	0.010
Disapproval	Д	1.156	0.291	-0.034

TABLE 13

Variable				
		F Value	P Less Than	Raw Regression Coeff.
Enthusiastic Support	တ	3.560	0.069	1, 322
Helping	ဟ	0.111	0.742	0.264
Receptivity	Ŋ	0.765	0.389	0. 529
Pro Forma	w	0.718	0.403	-0,760
Inattentive	ဟ	0.046	0.832	0.223
Unresponsive	တ	3, 360	0.076	-1.306
Disapproval	ß	1.299	0.263	-0. 909
Enthusiastic Support	Ω	0.005	. 0.945	0, 033
Helping	Ω	0.073	0.788	0.149
Receptivity	Д	1.901	0.178	0.826
Pro Forma	Ω	0.072	0.791	0.198
Inattentive	Q	0.863	0,360	0.455
Unresponsive	Ω	0.019	0.891	-0, 083
Disapproval	Д	0, 180	0.675	-0.182

TABLE 14

SUMMARY OF STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT¹
INDEPENDENT VARIABLES (COVARIATES)
FROM FOUR VIDEO TAPED SCENES

Scene	Covariate	Significance Level	Direction
ENTHSUP-S	I. Q.	0. 032*	•
HELP-S	I. Q.	0. 048*	†
DISAPP-S	I. Q.	0. 019**	+
ENTHSUP-S	RC	0.049*	-
ENTHSUP-S	TSI	0.007**	τ •
HELP-S	TSI	0.007 *	+
RECPT-S	TSI	0. 004 0. 006**	+
ENTHSUP-D	TSI	_	ŧ
	131	0. 040 [*]	f

$$1 # = .05 > P > .01$$
 $## = P < .01$

3. Socioeconomic status.

Table 15 indicates lower and middle class socioeconomic subects' ratings on the dependent variables.

It is interesting to note that the same ordering of subjects' responses from enthusiastic support through disapproval closely correlated with the assigned positioning of the seven dependent variables from highly encouraging to highly inhibiting nonverbal behaviors.

The subjects rated enthusiastic support with the highest mean score and disapproval with the lowest. Lower socioeconomic subjects responded with higher overall mean values than middle class subjects.

Tables 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22 evidenced lower class subjects rating black teacher-actors higher than white teacher-actors. Tables 16



TABLE 15

MEAN SCORES OF LOWER AND MIDDLE SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS SUBJECTS TO EACH
DEPENDENT VARIABLE

Variable	Lower Subjects	Middle Subjects
Enthusiastic Support	14. 386	13. 815
Helping	14. 246	13. 667
Receptivity	13. 737	13. 000
Proforma	12. 316	11. 963
Inattentive	10.667	9. 778
Unresponsive	8. 421	8. 370
Disapproval	8. 351	7.852

through 22 show middle class subjects rating white teacher-actors over black teacher-actors.

The racial composition within the socioeconomic groupings could have influenced these scores as evidenced by Table 6. This table lists twenty-six black subjects (31 per cent to the total subjects) in the lower socioeconomic status category. There were nine black subjects (10 per cent to the total subjects) in the middle class category.

The importance of the socioeconomic factor was considered in several different ways. An analysis was initially performed to decide whether the SES effect was significant when unadjusted for any of the covariates, then it was adjusted for each one of the covariates in turn, and final analysis was performed with the effect adjusted for all three covariates (I. Q., T. S. I., and RC).



TABLES 16 THROUGH 22

Comparison of Subjects' Unadjusted Mean Scores by Socioeconomic Status Toward the Seven Dependent Variables

	TABLE 16 ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT	
	White teachers	Black teachers
Lower S. E. S. Subjects	14. 0 S. D. * 2. 65 (N=57)	14. 8 S. D. 3. 24 (N=57)
Middle S. E. S. Subjects	14. 4 S. D. 2. 36 (N=27)	12.7 S. D. 4.80 (N=27)

TABLE 17

HELPING

	White teachers	Black teachers
Lower	13. 8	14. 5
S. E. S.	S. D. 3. 86	S. D. 3. 36
Subjects	(N=57)	(N=57)
Middle	14. 6	12. 8
S. E. S.	S. D. 3. 42	S. D. 4. 03
Subjects	(N=27)	(N=27)

^{*}Standard Deviations



TABLE 18

RECEPTIVITY

	White teachers	Black teachers
Lower	12.7	14. 0
S. E. S.	S. D. 3.15	S. D. 2. 90
Subjects	(N=57)	(N=57)
Middle	14. 0	12. 0
S. E. S.	S. D. 2. 62	S. D. 4. 66
Subjects	(N=27)	(N=27)

TABLE 19

PROFORMA

	White teachers	Black teachers
Lower	13. 0	11. 4
S. E. S.	S. D. 3. 98	S. D. 2. 86
Subjects	(N-57)	(N=57)
Middle	12. 6	11. 2
S. E. S.	S. D. 2. 34	S. D. 3. 56
Subjects	(N=27)	(N=27)



TABLE 20

INATTENTIVE

	White teachers	Black teachers
Lower S. E. S. Subjects	10. 7 S. D. 4. 91 (N=57)	10, 3 S. D. 2, 52 (N=57)
Middle S. E. S. Subjects	11.9 S.D. 3.04 (N=27)	9. 18 S. D. 4. 42 (N=27)

TABLE 21

UNRESPONSIVE

	White teachers	Black teachers
Lower S. E. S.	8. 2 S. D. 3. 32	8. 7 S. D. 2. 43
Subjects	(N=57)	(N=57)
Middle	8. 6	8.7
S. E. S. Subjects	S. D. 2.56 (N=27)	S. D. 3, 85 (N=27)



TABLE 22

DISAPPROVAL

•	White teachers	Black teachers
Lower S. E S. Subjects	8. 1 S. D4. 03 (N=57)	8. 6 S. D. 2. 47 (N=57)
Middle S. E. S. Subjects	8. 6 S. D. 1. 99 (N=27)	7. 0 S. D. 3. 86 (N=27)



Although the results varied slightly, the tendency was unmistakably uniform. There was one score, HELP-D, for which the SES factor appeared to be statistically significant. The analysis of variance table for HELP-D is given in Table 31 for the model with three covariates.

The actual means for HELP-D (Appendix K) are 0.526 for the lower socioeconomic class and -0.556 for the middle and upper classes. Since the calculation of these means was performed by taking "black" minus "white" scores, the results indicated that the lower socioeconomic classes responded with higher scores for the black teacheractor whereas the middle and upper classes gave higher scores for the performance of white teacher-actor with regard to HELP-D. The interpretations of these and the following statistical findings will be found in the following chapter.

4. Race of subjects.

Table 22 presents a range of subjects' mean scores by race for each of the seven dependent variables.

The order of mean scores indicate the subjects' ratings of the dependent variables correlated with the Galloway Nonverbal Behavioral Continuum. With the exception of black and white subjects' mean scores (Table 23) for enthusiastic support (13, 980) and helping (13, 980), the scores decreased in numerical value from enthusiastic support through disapproval.



TABLE 23

MEANS SCORES OL SLACK AND WHITE SUBJECTS
TO EACH DEPENDENT VARIABLE

Variable	Black Subjects	White Subjects
Enthusiastic Support	14. 514	12
Helping	14. 171	13 13. 980
Receptivity	13. 571	13, 499
Proforma	12. 571	11. 939
Inattentive	11.114	9. 857
Unresponsive	8. 629	8.245
Disapproval	8. 600	7.898

These findings indicate that EMR junior high school students do perceive different levels of teachers' nonverbal behavior.

Tables 24 through 30 of subjects' unadjusted mean scores by race toward the seven dependent variables show that black and white students were influenced by the race of the teacher-actors.

Tables 24 through 30 point out that black subjects rated the black teacher-actors more favorable on all the seven dependent variables than the white teacher-actors. White subjects rated the white teacher-actors higher than the black teacher-actors.

It is concluded from these findings that the race of the teacheractors influenced the subjects' responses on the seven dependent variables.

Table 23 indicates the black subjects had a higher mean score than those of white subjects.



TABLES 24 THROUGH 30

Comparison of Subjects' Unadjusted Mean Scores by Race Toward the Seven Dependent Variables

TABLE 24
ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT

	White teachers	Black teachers
Black Subjects	13.7 S. D. * 3.04 (N=36)	15. 1 S. D. 2. 76 (N=36)
White Subjects	14. 1 S. D. 2. 78 (N=48)	13. 0 S. D. 3. 51 (N=48)
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^{*}Standard Deviation.



TABLE 25

HELPING

	White teachers	Black teachers
Black Subjects	13.7 S. D. 4.42 (N=36)	15.0 S. D. 2.89 (N=36)
White Subjects	14.0 S. D. 3.22 (N=48)	12. 7 S. D. 4. 28 (N=48)

TABLE 26

RECEPTIVITY

	White teachers	Black teachers	
Black Subjects	12. 2 S. D. 3. 86 (N=36)	15. 0 S. D. 2. 54 (N=36)	
White Subjects	14. 0 S. D. 2. 63 (N=48)	12. 4 S. D. 3. 89 (N=48)	



TABLE 27

PROFORMA

	White teachers	Black teachers
Black Subjects	12. 0 S. D. 3. 10 (N=36)	12. 8 S. D. 2. 27 (N=36)
White Subjects	13. 0 S. D. 2.73 (N=48)	11. 0 S. D. 4. 24 (N=48)

TABLE 28

INATTENTIVE

	White teachers	Black teachers
Black Subjects	9. 8 S. D. 3. 90 (N=36)	12.0 S. D. 2.86 (N=36)
White Subjects	10.7 S. D. 3.10 (N=48)	7.4 S. D. 4.73 (N=48)



TABLE 29

UNRESPONSIVE

	White teachers	Black teachers
Black Subjects	8. 0 S. D. 3. 31 (N=36)	8.8 S.D. 2.44 (N=36)
White Subjects	9. 7 S. D. 2. 37 (N=48)	6. 5 S. D. 3. 92 (N=48)

TABLE 30

DISAPPROVAL

	White teachers	Black teachers
Black Subjects	7. 7 S. D. 4. 24 (N=36)	8. 8 S. D. 2. 98 (N=36)
White Subjects	8. 6 S. D. 2. 24 (N=48)	7. 0 S. D. 3. 60 (N=48)



The black subjects seemed to favor those incidents with black teacher-actors and rated these incidents higher.

It was noted that the mean scores were derived from the sum of scores from both black and white teacher-actors. Five tables (24, 25, 26, 28, and 30) show the black subjects responded with higher values on enthusiastic support, helping, receptivity, inattentive, and disapproval toward the black teacher-actors. This is evidenced on higher mean scores of black subjects toward the seven dependent variables.

It seems that black subjects gave a preference to the black teacher-actors increasing the overall mean value.

In a similar fashion, the same analysis yielded statistically significant results with respect to student rate (R) for only one incident, ENTHSUP-D. The ANOVA table for ENTHSUP-D is provided in Table 32. An inspection of the student race means for ENTHSUP-D found in Appendix L shows that black students responded with higher scores, on the average for the performance of the black teacher-actor while white students scored higher for the white teacher. The difference means for black and white students for ENTHSUP-D are 0.229 and -0.592 respectively.

5. Race by SES interaction.

For the UNRESP-S scores, the race by socioeconomic (R \times E) interaction was significant. The ANOVA table is given in Table 33. To



TABLE 31

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR HELP-D

Source	df	MS	F
Regression	, 3	7. 117	
Race (R)	1	. 096	
Socioeconomic Statue (E)	1	23. 122	10, 33*
RXE	1	.009	-0.33

^{* =} P < .01

test these interaction terms, the group by race by socioeconomic status (R x E) would be the appropriate error term if the design were balanced. The research is limited because of the incomplete nature of the design.

TABLE 32

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR ENTHSUP-D

Source	df	MS	F
Regression	3	3. 620	
Race (R)	1	17. 905	
Socioeconomic Status (E)	1	1. 633	4. 59*
RXE	1	3. 041	2, 2,

^{*= .05 &}gt; P > .01

In examining the means for UNRESP-S (Appendix M) it is seen that the response from black students decreases from 9.231 to 6.889 when going from lower to the middle and upper economic classes. The



response of white subjects, following the same order of lower to middle and upper classes, is in the opposite direction, going from 7.742 to 9.111.

TABLE 33

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR UNRESP-S

Source	df	MS	F
Regression	3	2. 844	
Race (R)	1	1. 158	
Socioeconomic Status (E)	1	2.047	
RxE	1	29.071	5. 04 [*]
			(based on residual MS)

^{* = .05 &}gt; P > .01

TABLE 34

A DIFFERENTIATION OF ALL SUBJECTS' MEAN RESPONSES TOWARD DEPENDENT VARIABLES BETWEEN TAPE A AND TAPE B

	Tape A		Tape B	
Variable	Black	White	Black	White
	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
Enthusiastic support Helping Receptivity Proforma Inattentive Unresponsive Disapproval	14. 044	13.778	13. 846	15. 230
	13. 244	13.734	15. 384	14. 052
	13. 732	12.890	14. 666	12. 770
	11. 110	12.934	13. 384	11. 436
	10. 266	9.868	10. 616	10. 872
	8. 357	7.690	8. 768	8. 924
	7. 466	7.734	9. 076	8. 668
Sample size	18	27	17	22

6. Race of teacher-actors.

The study's findings indicate that the race of the teacheractors influenced the subjects' responses.

Table 34 points out that the overall ratings of all subjects did produce a differing of mean scores from white to black teacher-actors and from tapes A and B.

The subjects' mean scores show that on tape A the black teacher-actors received a higher rating than white teacher-actors. These dependent variables were:

- 1. Enthusiastic support
- 2. Receptivity
- 3. Inattentive
- 4. Unresponsive

Tape B shows all subjects rating the black teacher-actors higher on:

- 1. Helping
- 2. Receptivity
- 3. Proforma
- 4. Disapproval

These differences in total mean scores of subjects indicate that the racial characteristics of the teacher-actors affect the person-perceptions of EMR junior high school students.



Summary

The findings of the study have been presented in this chapter.

Although there was statistical significance at the approximate . 05 level of probability, or less, toward only three of the dependent variables, unresponsive (sum), receptivity (difference), and enthusiastic support (difference), this study indicated that the nonverbal behavior of teachers is an important factor to be considered in the total teaching act.

Subjects' socioeconomic status (Table 15) and race (Table 23) plus teachers' race (Table 35) are also important considerations.

TABLE 35

COMPARISON OF SUBJECTS' MEAN SCORES OF ALL WHITE TEACHERS FOR EACH DEPENDENT VARIABLE TO ALL BLACK TEACHERS FOR EACH DEPENDENT VARIABLE

Variable	Black Teachers	White Teachers
Enthusiastic support	13. 948	14, 430
Helping	14. 284	13. 876
Receptivity	1 4 . 186	12. 836
Proforma	12. 214	12, 262
Inattentive	10, 436	10. 318
Unresponsive	8. 556	8. 244
Disapproval	8. 248	8. 154
Sample size	35	49

There were statistically significant findings for (1) teachers' race; (2) subjects' socioeconomic backgrounds; (3) subjects' race, and



(4) an interaction of race with socioeconomic status of the subjects as relating to subjects' responses to fourteen dependent variables.

There was no significant positive correlation between the dependent variables and the sex and age of subjects.

Reading comprehension scores showed little significant relationship to scores on the person-perceptual test.

I. Q. scores of the subjects resulted in some positive relatedness while the Test of Social Inference showed significant correlation when assessed by itself.

The tape effect (between Tapes A and B) was closely correlated except for one incident... proforma which seemed to present some confounding data. A white teacher-actor received a higher score on Tape A while a black teacher-actor received the higher score on Tape B (Table 34).

The results of the study indicated that the race of the subjects influenced their perception of teachers' nonverbal behavior (Table 36).

This study generated data that would indicate support for hypotheses 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 and the research provides some evidence and direction for further study in this area of nonverbal teacher behavior.

The analysis of the statistical data and the subsequent findings of this chapter point out three additional propositions.

1. This study revealed that the nonverbal communicative



TABLE 36

COMPARISON OF SUBJECTS' MEAN SCORES TOWARD BLACK TEACHERS (ON ALL SEVEN INCIDENTS) VERSUS SUBJECTS' MEAN SCORES TOWARD WHITE TEACHERS (ON ALL SEVEN INCIDENTS)

	Black Subjects		White Subjects		
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Variables	black teachers	white teachers	black teachers	white teachers	
Enthusiastic Support	14.744	14. 284	13. 338	14. 572	
Helping	14. 114	14. 228	14. 326	13. 634	
Receptivity	14. 228	12. 914	14. 122	12.766	
Proforma	12. 628	12. 514	11.836	12.042	
Inattentive	11. 256	10. 972	9. 836	9. 878	
Unresponsive	8. 686	8. 572	8. 448	8.042	
Disapproval	8. 342	8. 858	8. 122	7.674	
Sample size	35	35		49	



behaviors of teachers do affect the effectiveness of the instructional process. These nonverbal behaviors directly affect the social climate of the classroom. This study concludes that these behaviors do directly affect the person-perception of EMR junior high school students. Students' responses differed toward the seven visual interpretations and presentations of the Galloway Nonverbal Behavioral Categories.

It might be assumed that these behaviors could affect studentteacher rapport and should be considered influential factors in the establishing of a wholesome student-teacher interaction.

- 2. The findings of this study also indicated that the Galloway Nonverbal Behavioral Continuum was adequately presented through an audio-visual medium. It was used for the recognition and identification of various types of nonverbal behaviors.
- 3. The nonverbal behaviors of teachers, regardless of the subtleness, do directly affect the way EMR subjects respond to and relate to the overall instructional process.

This study points out that EMR junior high school subjects do differentiate in terms of their person-perceptual qualities toward teachers' nonverbal behaviors.

Educators must develop an awareness of and provide for emphasizing and reinforcing their verbal messages with nonverbal behaviors which will influence and augment the total teaching act.

Educators can no longer dismiss or ignore the importance of this



aspect of personal communication,

4. Finally, we conclude that there is much evidence that the subjects differentiated the seven styles of nonverbal behavior incidents and rated them according to the encouraging and inhibiting value as outlined by the Galloway Continuum.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER

RESEARCH

This chapter presents a summary of the purposes, procedures, findings, and conclusions of this study. Implications and recommendations for further study and research are also listed.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study was to assess the person-perceptions of educable mentally retarded junior high school students regarding the nonverbal communicative behaviors of teachers.

This study used the Charles M. Galloway Categories of Teachers' Nonverbal Behaviors. It was hypothesized that EMR students' perceptions would be related to their socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.

Procedures

The subjects of the investigation were eighty-four (84) EMR junior high school students, black and white, from lower and middle socioeconomic status. These students were all attending three junior



high schools under the aegis of the Mansfield City School District, Mansfield, Ohio.

All subjects were compared according to eight variables.

- 1. Age
- 2. Sex
- 3. I.Q.
- 4. Reading comprehension scores
- 5. Test of Social Inference scores
- 6. Socioeconomic background
- 7. Ethnic (racial) background
- 8. Interaction of subjects' race and socioeconomic backgrounds.

These subjects were compared statistically on the basis of their responses to the experimental instrument (Visual Person-Perception Test) to determine if there were statistically significant differences between the mean scores relating to the subjects' socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds and their recorded perceptions of the visual presentation of the Galloway Continuum of teachers' nonverbal behavior.

The statistical analysis of the data employed the computing of F values in an analysis of variance model to determine any such significance.



Findings

The seven hypotheses reflected in Chapter I are presented as null hypotheses. These null hypotheses have been rejected or not rejected based upon the findings of this study. The researcher is not accepting or confirming any of the following null hypotheses. The assertion is that the statistical handling of the data revealed a statistical significance at the .05 level of confidence or less. Any findings above this level of confidence are not viewed as statistically significant. In other words, the null hypothesis is not rejected.

Null hypothesis 1--The assigned grouping is which the subjects' will

view the Visual Person-Perception Test will not

affect the subjects' responses.

Rejected

Incorporated within the design of the ANOVA model was a "group effect" which now will receive some consideration.

This study would define the group effect as a statistical term.

It is not necessarily the interaction of two or more subjects within a defined area and/or a specified period of time.

The interaction of this group factor is considered a statistical interaction term resulting from what could be considered some of the extraneous and random data evolving from the study.

In designing this study the researcher postulated that there



would be this extraneous data which could be a result of the subjects' immediate environment; i. e., school, grade, grades between schools, and group(s) within grade. It was also thought that the social, emotional, and psychological climate of the testing (Visual Person-Perception Test) situation would have some effects. The differences in subjects' scores to the tape incidents supported this group effect. All of these variables provide background and information to the subjects which could directly affect the subjects' responses.

A p < .05 level of confidence was established for this group factor and the following dependent variables were found to be statistically significant.

Enthusiastic support (sum

Helping (sum)

Receptivity (sum)

Proforma (sum)

Inattentive (sum)

Unresponsive (sum)

Disapproval (sum)

Enthusiastic support (difference)

Helping (difference)

Receptivity (difference)

Proforma (difference)

Unresponsive (difference)



It was hypothesized that there might be these group effect findings. The analysis of data indicated that there were some things operating that might be other than chance effects.

The ANOVA model adjusted for these effects and was able to "subtract" this data from the other independent measurements (subject's race, socioeconomic level, and race by socioeconomic conditions).

Since the group effects were not an immediate concern of the research . . . tables, charts, references, and other information were not included in the writings for the analysis of data.

The following explanation of the findings for hypothesis number one relates to the random effects, the residual findings of the group effects factor.

Groupings do affect the subjects' responses. There was social significance attributed to the group effect. Enthusiastic support (sum); helping (sum); receptivity (sum); and enthusiastic support (difference) were all statistically significant at the .01 level of confidence. Inattentive (sum) and unresponsive (sum) were significant, statistically at the .05 level. It is indicative that the interaction of the subjects did affect the subjects' responses.

Null hypothesis 2--There will be fewer significant relationships between the subjects' ratings on the Test of Social



Inference and scores on the Visual PersonPerception Test than between the PersonPerception scores and any of the other ten
combinations of variables (age, I.Q., reading
comprehension, and sex of subjects).

Rejected

There are four instances of significant correlation between

T. S. I. and the Visual Person-Perception Test incident scores and only
two such correlations with I. Q. and only one for reading comprehension.

The four instances (Table 14) of association of positive correlation between the Test of Social Inference and the dependent variables (incidents) were helping (sum) and enthusiastic support (difference) at .01 level and enthusiastic support (sum) along with receptivity (sum) at .05 level of confidence.

The positive association of correlations between I. Q. and the dependent variables were enthusiastic support (sum) and helping (sum), both at the .01 level of confidence.

Reading comprehension was significant at the .01 level of confidence for enthusiastic support (sum). There was no statistically significant relationship between sex or age and any of the dependent variables.

Nu'l hypothesis 3--Educable mentally retarded subjects are less



accepting of physical contact from teachers with the same ethnic background than from teachers with different ethnic backgrounds.

Rejected

Enthusiastic support (difference) category was the only incident which presented physical contact between the teacher-actor and student-actors. Black subjects responded more favorably to physical contact of the black-mediated teacher while white subjects scored the actions of the white-mediated teacher higher. This was significant at the .05 level of confidence.

Null hypothesis 4--The age of the subjects will have no significance on

the subjects' perceptual ratings of the Visual Person
Perception Test incidents.

Not rejected

Age, within the relatively narrow spread among the subjects, showed no significant relationships to any of the fourteen dependent variables (sum or difference).

Null hypothesis 5--The proforma (neutral) nonverbal behavior of
teachers will be perceived by EMR subjects as inhibiting or encouraging. Ethnic and/or socioeconomic backgrounds of subjects will reflect
significantly in the perception of teachers'



non-interactant behavior.

Rejected

Ethnic background seemed to have no significant relationship to the perception of teachers' neutral behavior. The analysis of data reflected a tape effect for the proforma category. White and black subjects viewing tape A preferred the white teacher-actor. The black teacher-actor was preferred in tape B. In reviewing this incident on the two tapes, the researcher could not detect any overt differences in either teachers' behavior.

The only conclusions which can be made is that the preference is due to other differences which the researcher could not discern or that other factors were operating which were not adjusted for in this study's design. No other category between tape A and tape B reflected any tape effect or preference.

Null hypothesis 6--Subjects' scores on the Visual Person-Perception

Test will show a greater statistical significance
toward the incidents of encouraging (enthusiastic
support, helping, and receptivity). Incidents presenting inhibiting behavior (inattentive, unresponsive,
and disapproval) will not be as readily discerned by

EMR and will reflect scores of little or no statistical significance.

Rejected

There was no statistical significance of subjects' scores toward any of the incidents except one. The exception was helping (difference) for socioeconomic status. This appeared statistically significant at the .05 level of confidence.

Lower socioeconomic subjects responded with higher scores for black teacher-actors while the middle class status subjects scored higher on the performance of the white teacher-actors.

Although the findings indicated a dichotomy in higher scores of black students toward the black teacher-actors and white subjects scored higher for the white teacher-actors, enthusiastic support (difference) was significant at .05 level of confidence.

Null hypothesis 7--As the reported I.Q. level of the subjects increases,
there will be decreased perception of nonverbal
teacher behavior as revealed by scores on the
Visual Person-Perception Test incidents (as correlated by the judges! scores).

Not rejected

The I. Q. covariate was only statistically significant for the sum of two categories. There is significance in the relationship of I. Q. to enthusiastic support (sum) and to helping (sum). There was no other associated correlation between I. Q. and any of the five remaining



categories, receptivity, proforma, inattentive, unresponsive, and disapproval (sums). The study further indicated that as the I. Q. level increased, the subjects' scores for inhibiting communication decreased.

Summary

In the original classification of subjects there were twentyone groups of five subjects each. Four groups were excluded from the
analysis of variance because of the limiting factors of unbalancing.
Seventeen groups, or eighty-four subjects, were used in the final
analysis of this study.

Each group consisted of (1) black lower male or female subjects, (2) black middle-class male or female subjects, (3) white lowerclass male or female subjects, (4) white middle male or female, and
(5) one additional subject from any of the four preceding categories.

The subjects' responses to the nonverbal incidents were analyzed in terms of

a. Subjects' sum of scores: These were the sum of the subjects' mean scores derived from the Visual PersonPerception Test, Black subjects' mean scores plus white subjects' mean scores. These scores reflected the reactions of the subjects to the "tape effect," that is, the actions or behaviors of the teacher-actors.



b. Difference of subjects' scores: The difference between the mean scores of the black subjects minus the mean scores of the white subjects. These reflected the differences of the black and white subjects' responses toward the racial characteristics of the white or black teacheractors.

An analysis of variance model was designed specifically for this study by Educational Development Systems, Columbus, Ohio.

This model was used for each of the fourteen incidents: seven for the sum of the subjects' mean scores and seven for the difference of mean scores.

Three independent variables (subjects' socioeconomic back-ground, subjects' race and an interaction of both) were the major components of the study. Other independent variables, which were labeled covariates were: subject's sex, I.Q., reading comprehension scores, age, and Test of Social Inference scores.

The subjects' sum and difference of mean scores were analyzed in an analysis of variance model for a sum of mean scores and a difference of mean scores. Each incident was analyzed with a "sum" and a "difference." This provided the researcher with two ways in which to analyze the data.

1. The responses of the subjects toward the nonverbal behavior of the teacher-actors and



 how the racial characteristics of the teacher-actors affected the responses of the subjects.

This study's major concern was to assess how racial characteristics and socioeconomic class status might affect the person-perceptions of educable mentally retarded (EMR) junior high school students' perceptions, specifically toward the nonverbal behavior of teachers.

There was positive correlation between I. Q. and enthusiastic support (sum) and helping (sum), in each case, p < .05 level of confidence.

The subjects' scores from the Test of Social Inference had a statistically significant relationship to enthusiastic support (sum) and enthusiastic support (difference) at p < .01 level and helping (sum) and receptivity (sum) at p < .05.

This could be that this correlation between I. Q. of EMR subjects and their social inferencing skills relate to positive social conditioning. The subjects could have reacted more favorably toward encouraging nonverbal behaviors as the I. Q. level increases. Perhaps as I. Q. increases so does the subjects' awarenesses, acumen, and/or abilities to "read" his immediate environment and as the I. Q. decreases so does the subjects' skills in interpreting his environment.

An analysis of the socioeconomic variable showed no statistically significant correlation with subjects' perceptions of the incidents



with the lone exception of helping (difference) which was statistically significant at . 05 level of confidence.

Ethnic background (race) of subjects, has an effect on the incidents which resulted in a statistical significant relationship at the .01 level for enthusiastic support (difference) only.

It was found that the unresponsive (sum) was the only category significant at the .01 level of confidence in analyzing the $R \times E$ (race by socioeconomic interaction). These findings will receive more attention in the following conclusions.

Conclusions

Once the analysis of variance model was formulized, then the ANOVA computation was done for each of the fourteen dependent variables (enthusiastic support, helping, receptivity, etc.).

From the results of this analysis, a determination was made of the statistical significance for the relationship between each independent variable and the fourteen dependent variables.

The design also made possible the determination of the statistical significance for the relationship between race and each of the
independent variables. Similarly, relationships were determined for
socioeconomic status and an interaction of socioeconomic status and
the dependent variables.

When looking at the covariates as unadjusted to the dependent



variables, the Test of Social Inference correlated significantly with four of the dependent variables. These dependent variables are enthusiastic support-sum, helping-sum, receptivity-sum, and enthusiastic support-difference.

These four dependent variables related to the encouraging communicative categories on the Galloway Continuum. Enthusiastic support, helping, and receptivity--sums--related to subjects' responses to the "tape effect," the teacher-actors' behaviors, and enthusiastic support-difference reflected the subjects' responses to the race of the teacher-actors (Table 14).

The data point out that EMR subjects' responses on the T.S.I. showed a statistically significant relationship toward the encouraging communicative activities (enthusiastic support, helping, and receptivity-sums) of the teacher-actors (Table 14).

An assumption is the EMR junior high school subjects with higher social inference qualities were more responsive to some of the nonverbal behavioral categories and scored higher on the encouraging end of the continuum. These subjects seemed more aware of the more classical types of nutrient actions of teachers. The subjects' T. S. I. scores, on the other hand, again when unadjusted for other covariates, showed no statistically significant relationship to scores on the inhibiting categories of teachers' nonverbal behaviors.

The data seems to indicate that EMR subjects with higher



social inferential skills and/or abilities did not view inhibiting (inattentive, unresponsive and disapproval) teachers' nonverbal behavior any differently than do subjects with lower inferential skills. Subjects probably viewed these behaviors as the "normally" reserved, aloof and distant behaviors often associated with teachers. The subjects could also associate these inhibiting behaviors as types of management controlling devices often used by teachers (Table 14).

This study found that race was statistically significant to one dependent variable, enthusiastic support-difference (Table 32). Black subjects scored higher toward the black teacher-actor while white subjects scored higher on the white teacher-actors' performance.

A warranted assumption could be that since the enthusiastic support incident was the only incident that presented physical contact between the teacher and student (acting), EMR subjects could be more responsive to the physical contact of a teacher of the same ethnic group.

We should also consider that these teacher-actors were unfamiliar to the subjects. The subjects responded toward teacher-actors' behaviors without any concrete or first-hand subjective information. This suggests that perhaps teachers with different ethnic backgrounds should avoid physical contact with EMR junior high school subjects until satisfactory rapport has been established.

The subjects' socioeconomic backgrounds had a bearing on some of the variables, also. Lower-class black and white subjects



gave a higher score to the black teacher-actor within the Help-D category (Table 6). Middle-class black and white subjects rated the white teacher-actor higher.

The helping category presented the teacher-actors as moving toward the student-actors without any overt signal or response from the student. It would appear that black and white lower-class status subjects viewed the black teacher-actor. It has trepidation, less anxiety than the white teacher exhibiting the same behavior.

It appears that these lower-class black and white EMR subjects have a more positive attitude toward a black teacher. Perhaps lower-class white and black EMR subjects have more positively correlated concepts toward the black teacher-actor than her white counterpart. In reviewing the home environment of lower-class white subjects, this study ascertained that a large number of lower-class white EMR subjects reside in integrated neighborhoods (Mansfield Block Statistic Publication as referenced earlier in this study) and have more involvement with blacks than do white middle-class subjects who live in mostly white segregated communities. This may have influenced white middle-class subjects' scoring higher toward the white teacher-actors in the "helping" incident.

There were seventeen (17) middle-class subjects' scores utilized in the final analysis of the research. Eleven were white . . . six were black (Table 6). An analysis of the subjects' scoring forms

indicated white middle-class subjects' scores were considerably higher toward the white teacher-actor thereby providing a larger concentration of higher scores for the white teacher-actors.

This study reflected an interesting statistical significant difference for subjects' responses toward UNRESP-S (Table 33). Lowerclass status blacks were more tolerant (9.231) to the unresponsive (sum) category than middle-class blacks (6.889).

Perhaps lower-class black junior high school students are subjected to low levels of verbal communication. They are not often responded to by adults with high levels of enthusiasm and attentiveness. Considering the styles and behavioral patterns of the various levels of family interaction, a supposition could be that lower-class black EMR junior high school students would be more tolerant of unresponsive behavior if they are often confronted by this type of behavior. They would then become more accustomed and tolerant toward those behaviors which would be considered less than encouraging.

The middle-class black EMR subjects were most rejecting of all four groups (black-lower, white-lower and white-middle) toward unresponsive teachers' nonverbal behavior.

This finding is interpreted that black middle-class subjects come from more responsive and accepting environments. These subjects are possibly more an integral part of the family unit. Their experiences with adults could be more positive than the black lower-



class subjects. There would also seem to be a closer articulation between the subjects' parents and his teacher(s). These factors could play an important part in affecting the perceptions and response patterns of the black middle-class EMR subjects.

It was interesting that white EMR subjects responded just the opposite. In other words, white middle-class status subjects were more tolerant (9.111) of the teachers' unresponsive behavior than white lower-class status subjects (7.742).

This might be explained as a chance effect of the white middleclass status subjects' responses.

The researcher would reject this chance assumption. It appears from the analysis of the data that middle-class white subjects were more tolerant of this behavior because they may have been exposed to more rejecting types of behaviors than white lower-class subjects.

An assumption is made that adults (parents, relatives, acquaintances, and teachers) in direct contact with this class of subjects could be less accepting... more rejecting of these subjects than are those adults in direct contact with lower-class status white subjects.

It would seem that white EMR subjects from the lower-class status environs are not so apparently different in their communicative skills, interests, appearances, motivations, and goals from adults with whom they are in close contact. There seems to be an increasing



difference in the manner by which white EMR middle-class subjects perceive adult nonverbal behavior as compared to their lower-class status counterpart.

Recommendations for Further Research

The following are suggestions for further research which seem to offer fruitful areas of inquiry. These represent only a few of the areas which could be further explored in studying the person-perceptions of educable mentally retardates.

- 1. It is suggested that a similar study be conducted with EMR junior high school age students in a residential school setting to assess any similarities or differences that might occur. Does institutionalization affect the perceptual qualities of EMR children and if so, to what degree?
- 2. It is recommended that this study be replicated by using a larger sample size . . . a larger urban area from which to select and draw subjects. This could also provide for a better balancing effect and perhaps reveal differences of statistical significance among variables which in this study lacked the necessary level of confidence (.05).
- 3. It would be of interest to determine if junior high school students with reported I. Q. s of ninety and above have different person-perceptions than their EMR counterparts within the same community.



Do the mental limitations of EMR students affect their personperceptual qualities and if so . . . to what degree?

4. It is suggested that this study be given to EMR students on a senior high school level. Age did not appear to have a significant effect in this study.

However, two or three years older may perceive persons differently. Maturation might provide a variance which could provide additional information in the study of EMR students' perceptions.

- 5. It is suggested that this study be replicated using color tape or film. The Visual Person-Perceptual Test would need to be done using either color capable video tape and equipment or color 16mm film with optical or magnetic sound tract. Color, being closer to natural reality than black and white, might provide more information to the subjects and they in turn might respond to the dependent variable differently.
- 6. There is need for additional research on the assessment of EMR junior high school students' tolerances toward their personal relationships with various adult figures with whom they come in frequent and direct contact; i. e., parents, relatives, neighbors, teachers, etc. A study of this sort could determine if race and social class status or a combination of both affects the way in which an EMR student learns to tolerate certain adverse teacher nonverbal behaviors.
 - 7. This study, or a modification of it, might provide some



data for researchers interested in the area of special education to evaluate the person-perceptual qualities of other types of handicapped children; i.e., deaf. crippled, learning disabled, emotionally disturbed and the gifted.

8. It is suggested that a teacher behavioral analysis study be done on the actual nonverbal behaviors of teachers of EMR students. This action type research could provide valuable input on teacher nonverbal behavior models which "turn-on" and "turn-off" EMR students.



APPENDIX A

SCRIPT AND STORYBOARD FOR NONVERBAL INCIDENCES

#1 ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT

Establishing shot: Teacher and students interacting. Teacher seated by group of students at table. Student talking to teacher.

Student talk: "On my way to school this morning, I saw a live baby robin lying on the ground . . . under a tree .

Medium shot: Same student talking to the teacher. As student continues to talk teacher smiles.

Student talk: "... I looked up in the tree and I saw a robin's nest..."

Close up: (Student) Student looks directly into camera as if the camera is the teacher.

Student talk: "... I thought that the baby robin must have fallen out of the nest in the tree. . . . "

Close up: (Teacher) Teacher smiling. Teacher looking into the camera as would be viewed from the student.

from the student.

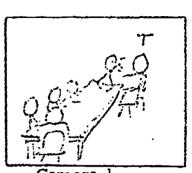
Student talk: "... I found view a large wooden box in a nearby alley. I got it and set it under

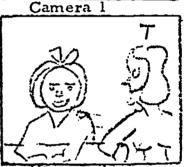
the limb which held the robin's nest..."

Close up: Same as establishing shot.

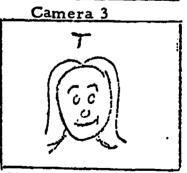
Student talk: ". . . I picked up the baby robin, stood on the box and put the baby robin back into the nest."

Teacher nods, smiles, and gently pats student on back.

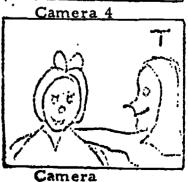








Catch





#2 HELPING (supportive act)

Establishing shot: Teacher standing in front toward the side of the group. The group is working on assignments

Close up: Student working on assignment. This student looks perplexed. Student looks up at teacher.

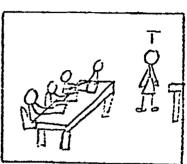
Medium shot: Showing teacher and student. Teacher looks at student. Teacher moves toward student's desk and immediately assists student.

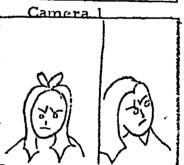
Student talk: "I can't find the answer to question number 2."

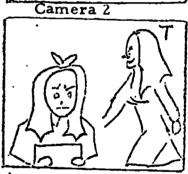
Medium shot: Teacher working with student (in same position as medium shot above). Student nods in understanding.

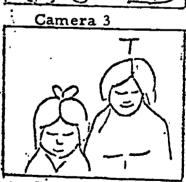
Teacher turns a couple of pages and points to a part of a page in the book. Student nods and says "thank you,"

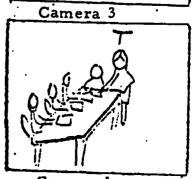
Distant shot: Same as establishing "black out."















#3 RECEPTIVITY (eye contact with pupil)

Establishing shot: Students and teacher sitting in tight group. The teacher and students are focusing their attention on one student talking.

Student talk: "I have a German shepard. His name is Sherman. My parents and I got Sherman when he was a pup..."

Medium shot: Student continued talking.

Teacher is looking directly at the student who is talking. Teacher shows interest in what the student is saying. Teacher is intent, not smiling.

Student talk: "... Sherman is now two years old and is a very nice house dog. I feed Sherman in the morning and when I get home from school "

Close up: Teacher looking directly into camera. Teacher is still intent on what student is saying.

Student talk: "... every morning before I go to school, I take Sherman out for his morning walk. . . . "

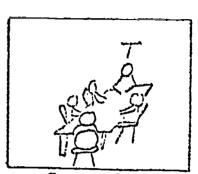
Close up: (Student) Student looking into camera (camera as teacher perceives student)

Student talk: "... and every evening, I take him for a much longer walk. He looks forward to his two walks each day. . . "

Medium shot: Student talking. Teacher and student maintain eye contact.

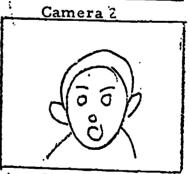
Student talk: "... If I forget to take Sherman for a walk, he will zooms sit down...look at me and back whine."

Teacher maintains eye contact, mutters "um-hm" and nods.



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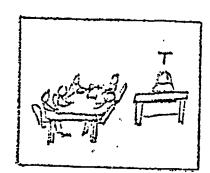
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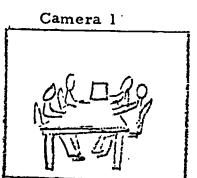
#4 PRO FORMA (a routine act)

Establishing shot: Students working on a group project. Teacher checking student papers. Students showing serious expressions.

Students viewing a filmstrip through previewer.

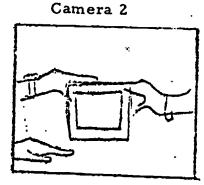


Medium shot: Showing independency of group action. Students seem to know what they are doing. Students displaying good student interaction, sharing and helping.



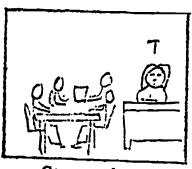
Close up: Showing independent project as students continue to work.

Dolly in



Camera 2

Distant shot: Group continued to function (same expression and behavior as above). Teacher continues putting away materials.



Camera 1



Rear establishing shot: Three students sitting at desk. One student standing beside teacher's desk reading a class report. Teacher is grading papers (Student reads first part of report). The stars we see at night are like our sun. They are very bright and as hot as a ball of fire.

Rear Medium Shot: Shows student reading second part of report. Teacher continues to grade paper, obviously not listening.

Dolly

We cannot see the stars during the day because the sun's light is so much brighter than the stars so we cannot see them until the sun goes down and it gets dark.

Rear close up: Student continued reading report (Part III)

It has been said if a person is down a deep well and looks up, he can see the stars during daytime, as the light of the sun for the most part is cut off.

Rear close up: Teacher still concentrating on grading papers.

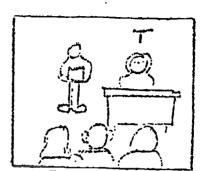
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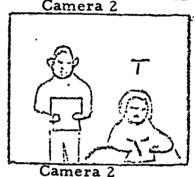
Rear medium shot: Shows student reading fifth part of report. Teacher still inattentive... grading papers. Student looks at teacher while reading. Teacher doesn't notice.

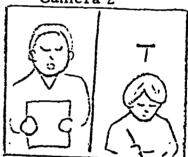
Many scientists study stars in a building called an observatory. This building is especially built to hold a large telescope which seems to make the stars look larger.

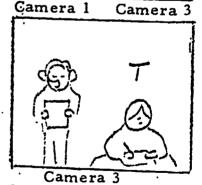
Rear distant shot: Same as establishing shot.

Student concludes report . . looks at teacher still intent on grading papers. Student returns to seat, sits down. Teacher continues grading papers.











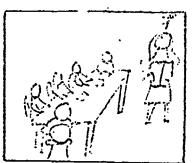
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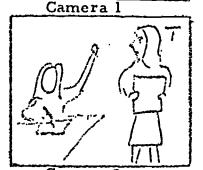


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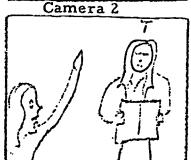
Establishing shot: Students working at desk. Teacher standing near students, leafing through a magazine.



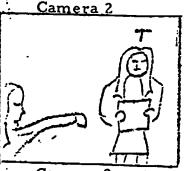
Medium shot: Student raises his hand. Teacher looks up, sees hand. Teacher looks disgusted . . . Teacher returns to leafing through magazine. (Student does not see this.)



Same medium shot: Student looks up at teacher and says, "Can you help me with this?" Teacher looks at student, gives a disdainful look at student and goes back to leafing through the magazine.



Same medium shot: Student looks at teacher for a few seconds, slowly lowers his hand and looks back at his assignment. Teacher continues looking at magazine.



Camera zooms back to distant shot:
Teacher continues leafing through
magazine. Students continue working.



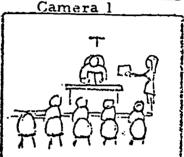


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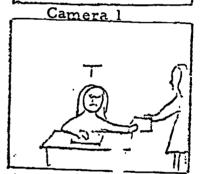


Establishing shot: Students working at their desks. Teacher sitting at his (her) desk in front of group. Teacher is reading a book. Camera angle from rear of group, facing teacher.

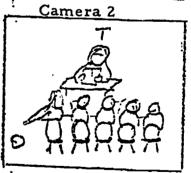
Same as establishing shot:
Student gets up and walks toward teacher with assignment. Teacher goesn't look up.



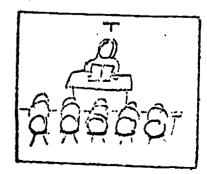
Medium shot: Camera in front of teacher's desk. Student holds out assignment to teacher. Teacher looks up, takes assignment, frowns, shakes head indicating no! Thrusts assignment back into student's hand and points back to student's empty desk.



Medium shot: Student returns to desk and sits down. Students continue to work. Teacher picks up book and continues to read. Student shoves paper onto floor.



Distant shot: Same angle and distance as establishing shot. Teacher continues to read. Three students work on. Fourth student places head in hands. Split-screen using camera 3 and camera 1.





APPENDIX B

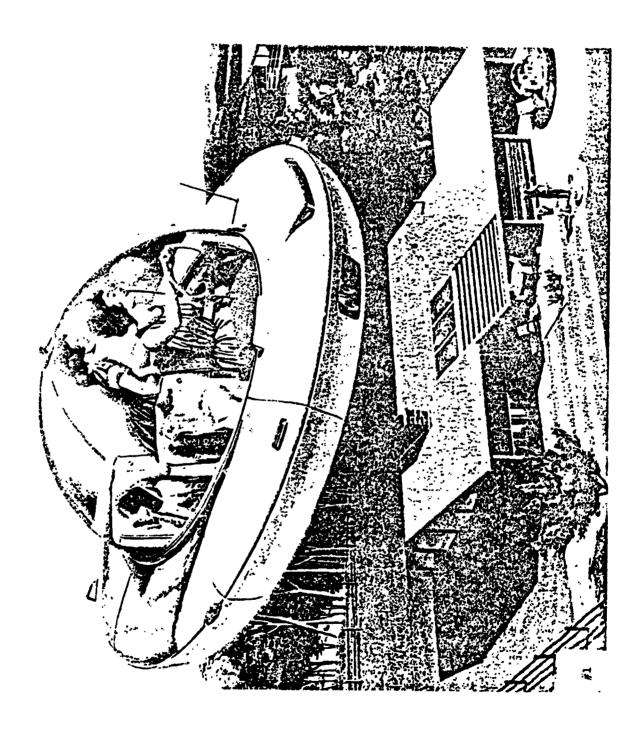
SAMPLES OF TEST OF SOCIAL INFERENCE

D2 GROCERY SHOPPING

"Look carefully at this picture. Tell me the story."

Score Scorable Responses 1 Grocery store / shopping / or supermarket or 1/2 Been downtown 1 Happening in the future 1 Father or brother / husband or son are waiting for them or 1/2 Down to earth / going down Probe (If S has earned less than 2 pts.) "Where have they been?" (If "In space," ask "What were they doing?" "Who are they?"







D1 WOMAN CLEANING SHOE

"Look carefully at this picture. Tell me the story."

Score	Scorable Responses
1	Mother / lady / woman / girl / she is cleaning
7 2	A baseball / track / football shoe
or	
1/2	Spike / sport / athletic shoe
٦ 1	Boy was playing in mud
or	
L ₁	Boy was playing (if mud has been mentioned in referring to shoe)
1	(Boy played in mud) after rain
Pro	be: (If subject's responses to standard question have not earned 2 full pts.)
''Wh	ere do you think this is happening/" "What's happening?" (If "Cleaning," ask "What is cleaning it?")
"Ho	w did it get dirty?" (If "It rained," ask "How did it get dirty?" again,)







APPENDIX C

TEST OF SOCIAL INFERENCE RECORDING FORM



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APPENDIX D

SUBJECT'S SCORING FORM FOR TEST OF SOCIAL INFERENCE



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1	. I would like	this teacher	
	Yes	I am not sure	No
2		to be in this teacher's r	
	Yes	I am not sure	No
3		to talk to this teacher	
	Yes	I am not sure	No
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1.	I would like	this teacher	
	Yes	I am not sure	No
2.	I would like t	to be in this teacher's ro	om
	Yes	I am not sure	No
3.	I would like t	o talk to this teacher	
	Yes	I am not sure	No
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1.	I would like th	nis teacher	
	Yes	I am not sure	No
2.		be in this teacher's roo	
	Yes	I am not sure	No
3.		talk to this teacher	
	Yes	I am not sure	No



APPENDIX E

TESTER'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE VISUAL PERSON-PERCEPTION TEST



(Pass out the student rating scales)

Tester will say

"I have just passed out, to each of you, five sheets of paper that you will use in a little while. Right now I want you to look closely at the television screen. In a few moments you will see a short classroom scene. In this scene you will see a teacher and five junior high school students. You will notice that the teacher does not speak.

It is very important that you pay close attention to the teacher because you will be asked to grade the teacher after the scene is over. I want you to watch the television screen very closely. . . and remember . . . watch the teacher very closely. "

(Show incident #1)

"Now look at the sheets of paper in front of you. At the top of the first page you will see typed on the first line . . . 'Scene number one.' Right under that I would like you to read the first line with me. It says 'number one, I would like this teacher.' Now if you think that you would like this teacher, then on the next line put an "X" next to the word 'YES' . . . if you are not sure, put an "X" on the line next to 'I AM NOT SURE, ' or if you don't think you would like the teacher, put an "X" on the line next to 'NO.' Are there any questions?"

(At this point, clarify any problems that the subjects might have. If necessary, re-run the tape and go through the same process above.)

"O. K., now, let's look at the next statement under the one we have just finished, let's read it together 'number two, I would like to be in this teacher's room.' If you think you would like to be in this teacher's room, put an "X" next to the word 'YES'... if you are not sure, put an "X" next to the words, 'I AM NOT SURE,' if you do not think you would like to be in this teacher's room, put an "X" next to the word 'NO.' Are there any questions? (Again clarify any questions.)

(Follow the same procedure for statement number 3. NOTE: only scene number one may be re-run. Scenes two through fourteen are only to be viewed once by each group of subjects.)

Follow the same procedure and process for each succeeding incident. As the testing proceeds, less direction and input should be required from the tested.

Be sure to have the subjects turn in the rating scales at the conclusion



of the testing session. Place the subject's name or assigned number to the top sheet of the rating scale and place in a large manila envelope. Make sure the label on the front of each manila envelope is completely filled out.

APPENDIX F

JUDGE'S RATING SHEET

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APPENDIX G

SUMMARY FOR REGRESSION COEFFICIENT VALUES FOR I. Q., READING COMPREHENSION, AND THE TEST OF SOCIAL INFERENCE

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APPENDIX H

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APPENDIX I

SUBJECT'S IDENTIFICATION (DATA) SHEET

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Father's occupation (optional)
Mother's occupation (optional)
Student's sex
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APPENDIX J

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE MODEL



The ANOVA model can be explicitly stated as follows:

$$y_{ij} = \mu + h_i + r_m + e_n + (re)_{mn} + (hr)_{jm} + (he)_{jm} + \xi_{ij}^{2} + \xi_{ij}^{2}$$

where

 μ = grand mean,

y_{ij} = score for jth student in the ith group
i = 1,..., 17
j = 1,..., 4 or 5,

(re)_{mn} = race by SES interaction,

 $h_{j} = (random)$ effect of jth group,

 $(hr)_{jm}$ = race by group interaction,

(he) in = SES by group interaction,

 Y_{\prec} = regression coefficient for \prec th covariate (\prec = 1 for I.Q., \prec = 2 for R.C., \prec = 3 for TSI, \prec = 4 for age, \prec = 5 for sex),

 $x_{ij}^{(2)}$ = student value for (x_{ij}^{(5)} = 1 \text{ for male,} x_{ij}^{(5)} = 2 \text{ for female), and}

 $\xi_{ij} = \text{error.}$

APPENDIX K

MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS BY SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASS

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APPENDIX M

MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS BY RACE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASS

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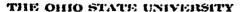
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APPENDIX O

COMMUNICATION ON TEST OF SOCIAL INFERENCE





The Nisonger Center 9 West Buttles Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43215

January 24, 1972

Dr. Howard Ball 889 Kelton Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43206

Dear Dr. Ball:

In reply to your telephone inquiry about the Test of Social Inference, we have sent you a copy of the revised edition of the report in which there is a description of this test in chapters 2 and 8. It was originally developed and used on some 1,000 cases. To date this test consists of 36 large photographs of quite varied types of social situations which are presented one at a time in individual sessions, accompanied by a structured inquiry. Subject's verbal responses, checked off on a recording form, receive credit when they match response criteria described in the scoring guide.

As indicated in the report, TSI scores have been found to correlate more closely with certain social adaptability criteria than intelligence test scores. It is also a matter of interest to us that the average TSI score of residents of several very good institutions for retarded persons were lower than the TSI scores of persons of similar age and IQ who were not institutionalized. We cannot at this time say whether this TSI score differential is the consequence of the kinds of behavioral turnoil that might precede institutional placement; whether it may result from institutional placement; or whether it indicates that TSI ability is truly crucial to being tolerated within one's home environment.

What I am trying to indicate is that the use of the test to date has been "promising". In some instances it has enabled us to find youngsters in special education programs, because of their IQ scores, whose TSI performance indicates quite non-retarded Dr. Howard Ball Page 2 January 24, 1972

ability to make social inferences. Conversely, one sometimes finds youngsters with IQ's in the normal range with a social inferential deficit -- suggestive of a need for some remedial training.

As Dr. Leland and I are both currently on the staff of the Nisonger Center and affiliated with the Psychology Department of O.S.U., we are very interested to see local use made of the instrument, and would do anything in our power to assist you. As I indicated, the test is not yet commercially available and we have a very few sets on hand for on call from the University of Oregon. We could supply you one or possibly two of the 36-item sets within a week or ten days at \$50.00 per set. We have to make these up by hand.

At the University of Oregon we have been experimenting with a shorter version of 27 items and with two shorter versions of 10 items each. The shortest formats reduce the time necessary for administration but would doubtless make the test less sensitive to improvement as a function of special training and would doubtless reduce correlations with some of the other instruments you plan to use. We could provide these shorter forms if you were interested in them.

Before you use the test we would like an opportunity to suggest some modifications to the training procedures in the test Manual. We would appreciate your contacting us to let us know more about your program and in what ways we can be of help.

Barbara Edmonson, Ed.D.

Director of Psychology Training

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cc: Henry Leland, Ph.D.

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