Soon to be officially recognized as a "center of competence" by OWRIR's Water Resources Scientific Information Center, the office of NWWA's research director, Mike Campbell, is both a source and a clearing house for water well research information.

To the drilling contractor, the really significant aspect of this new resource is that it is designed for use by the driller. Problems related to drilling, development and completion can be routed through Campbell's office for rapid action. As a communications link between the drilling contractor and the technical experts in the industry, Campbell's office can perform rapidly by matching up the most appropriate sources of knowledge with the specific practical problem presented. Furthermore, this process can take place almost instantaneously, by telephone.

The "Hot Line" can be considered, in fact, to be the red telephone on Campbell's desk. Of course, it is primarily a symbol for the function of his office, but that telephone is viewed by NWWA as the catalyst which brings together the man with the problems and the man with the answers—just as it will stimulate the man with the research facilities to investigate areas of need that this process can pinpoint.

A geologist with an international background of experience, Campbell is the individual primarily responsible for fulfilling the demands of the $45,700 research grant awarded to NWWA by the Office of Water Resources Research. This project requires that Campbell produce a comprehensive text which describes all oil well technology that is applicable to the water well industry. Thousands of information sources have been searched for this project, with the net result that Campbell is emerging as a person broadly familiar with technical resources related to water well drilling.

This further qualifies him for the duties of liaison research director in the "Hot Line" office. Close coordination with NWWA's Research Committee and the Technical Division of NWWA provides added assurance of highest quality "Hot Line" services.

For the next several months, the telephone number for NWWA's "Hot Line to Technology" is 614-846-4979. Or, questions and suggested research projects may be communicated by mail by writing to Michael D. Campbell, Research Division, NWWA, 4735 Heaton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43239.