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The Honorable Chet Holifield, Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is our report on the evaluation of the usefulness of reports submitted to the Congress by executive departments and agencies, conducted pursuant to your request of March 15, 1972, and subsequent discussions with your representatives.

We did not obtain advance review and comment from the departments and agencies because our report is not critical of their operations. However, the congressional committees involved were given advance notice of the potential eliminations and modifications of reports identified during our review.

We believe that the contents of this report would be of interest to committees, other Members of Congress, and the departments and agencies involved. However, release of this report will be made only upon your agreement or your public announcement of its contents.

We trust that this information will serve the purpose of your request.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer B. Staats

Comptroller General
of the United States

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COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

USEFULNESS TO THE CONGRESS OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH B-115398

D I G E S T

WHY THE REVIEW WAS MADE

The Chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations requested GAO to study and recommend improvements in or elimination of the recurring reports submitted to the Congress by executive departments and agencies.

GAO discussed reports identified by departments and agencies with 36 congressional committees and recorded their suggestions for modifying or eliminating reports.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The committees identified 54 reports they considered could be eliminated; 30 of these are required by law; 24 are nonstatutory. Unverified yearly preparation costs provided by the agencies for 39 reports totaled about $222,000; cost information was not provided for 15 reports.

The committees suggested improvements for 25 reports, including changes in frequency of submission of 8, eliminating portions of 5, consolidating 11 reports into 5, and changing the format of 1.

GAO recorded different evaluations by committees for 102 reports; 79 concerned elimination and 23 involved improvements. GAO plans to contact the committees to reconcile the differences.

Legislation has been introduced to assign to GAO the responsibility for monitoring congressional reporting requirements (H.R. 9002, H.R. 9091, and S. 2049).

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Action should be taken to carry out report improvements and eliminations to which all recipients agreed. GAO recommends that the Committee introduce legislation to make the necessary changes to laws identified in appendix IV. Committee chairmen have been asked to notify preparing agencies to eliminate nonstatutory report requirements.

If House bills 9002, 9091, or Senate bill 2049 requiring GAO to monitor reporting requirements of the Congress are not enacted into law, GAO believes the Committee may wish to propose that a reports management function be established within the Congress itself.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

On March 15, 1972, the Chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations requested that we study the recurring reports submitted to Congress by executive departments and agencies and recommend improvements for the reports and discontinuances for those no longer needed. (See app. I.)

A complete list of congressional reports and their recipients was not readily available from either legislative or executive branch sources. Therefore, we asked 81 executive departments, agencies, councils, and commissions to give us specific information on each recurring report that they submit to Congress. (See app. II.)

Of the 76 organizations responding to our request

--7 indicated they did not report regularly;

--1 had its response combined with that of its sponsoring agency; and

--68 gave us data on 747 reports--544 required by statute and 203 initiated by committees and Members of Congress, requested in House or Senate reports, or submitted voluntarily by agencies. (See app. III.)

Using the list of 747 reports as a base, we met with staff members of 36 congressional committees to discuss the usefulness of the reports they were receiving. If the staff suggested eliminations or modifications, we sent a letter to the committee chairman (or staff director) describing the suggestions and asking him to notify us if he disagreed with them. We also suggested that the committee act to eliminate or modify the nonstatutory reports in accordance with the staff's recommendations.

We also explored the subject of congressional reports management and control during most of the interviews with committee staffs.

CHAPTER 2

REPORTS IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT OR ELIMINATION

Nearly all the reports in our inventory were submitted to more than one committee and, predictably, they often had differing views on the worth of the same report. Of the 747 reports, the committees identified 54 reports they no longer need. Since 30 of these are required by law, they can be discontinued only after the statutory requirements for them have been eliminated. The other 24 reports had been either initiated by requests of individual committees or submitted voluntarily. These reports can be discontinued through contact with the reporting organization by the requesting committees. We suggested to the committee chairmen that they initiate such action. As shown by appendix IV, action had been taken to discontinue 6 of these reports as of July 31, 1973.

Cost data provided by the preparing agencies, but not verified by us, indicates that eliminating 39 of the 54 reports would save about $222,000 a year. The agencies did not give us cost data for the other 15 reports.

IMPROVEMENTS SUGGESTED

The committee staffs were asked to suggest improvements to the reports they would continue to receive. Their suggestions can be grouped into (1) reducing report frequencies, (2) eliminating portions of reports, and (3) consolidating two or more reports.

Of the eight reports for which reduced frequencies were suggested, six can be changed from quarterly or semiannual to annual submissions, one from quarterly to semiannual, and one from monthly to quarterly.

The staff members agreed that portions of five reports could be eliminated. Other suggestions were to consolidate 11 reports into 5 and to change 1 report from a bound to a looseleaf form.

These improvements will require different implementing actions for statutory and nonstatutory reports. The action needed--modification of the law or direct committee/agency contact--is identified by footnotes in appendix IV.

DIFFERENT EVALUATIONS PROVIDED FOR MANY REPORTS

Evaluations from the recipient committees differed for 102 reports. We realize that differences between committee jurisdictions and interests are largely responsible for the varying evaluations. Although we did not try to negotiate the positions taken by the recipients, we believe that further discussions between the appropriate committees could effect agreement and we plan to contact the various committees in an attempt to reconcile these differences.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW RESULTS

The results of the interviews are summarized below in two groups: (1) eliminations and improvements proposed by all the recipients and (2) those proposed by at least one recipient.

All recipients agreed	Number of reports		
	Statutory	Nonstatutory	Total
Suggested eliminations	30	24	54
Suggested improvements:			
Reduce frequency	7	1	8
Eliminate portion	5	-	5
Consolidate and other improvements	9	3	12
Total	51	28	79

Agreement not reached	Number of reports		
	Statutory	Nonstatutory	Total
Suggested eliminations	62	17	79
Suggested improvements:			
Reduce frequency	1	-	1
Eliminate portion	1	-	1
Consolidate or other improvements	21	-	21
Total	85	17	102

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Based on the evaluations of the recipients, we believe action should be taken to effect the improvements and eliminations agreed to by all the recipients. Therefore, we recommend that the House Committee on Government Operations introduce legislation to change the statutory reporting requirements identified in appendix IV.

CHAPTER 3

OBSERVATIONS ON REPORTS MANAGEMENT

This study is the third of its kind to be conducted in the last 15 years. The Senate and House Committees on Government Operations completed similar studies in 1960 and 1965, both of which resulted in legislation which eliminated or modified statutory reporting requirements.

--Public Law 86-533, June 29, 1960 (74 Stat. 245), eliminated 25 reporting requirements.

--Public Law 89-348, November 8, 1965 (79 Stat. 1310), eliminated 23 reports and modified 11 others.

Congressional studies have also been made of reports received by certain committees or pertinent to a single subject area. For example, the Foreign Affairs Division of the Congressional Research Service recently completed a study of reports relating to foreign affairs submitted to the Congress by the executive branch during 1971 and 1972. The study was requested by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. In addition to providing a detailed evaluation of each report, the Service offered several suggestions for improving congressional control over the information Congress receives.

Reporting systems were included among the areas studied by the Commission on Government Procurement. Its Reports and Management Controls Study Group's advisory report to the Commission also made some observations regarding the control of reports submitted to the Congress.

Observations by the Service, the Commission, and the committee staff members are presented below.

--An indexed list, by subject matter, of all executive reports required to be submitted to the Congress would be useful in apprising all committees and members of what information is available.

--A system for recording whether reporting requirements have been met and for following up with the preparing organization when a report has not been timely

submitted would be useful in insuring that information is available when needed.

--A system for continually studying and evaluating the usefulness of reports would aid in the timely elimination of unneeded reports and improvement of inadequate ones.

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

In June 1973 legislation (H.R. 9002, H.R. 9091, and S. 2049) was introduced in the House of Representatives which, among other things, would require the Comptroller General to:

> "* * * monitor the various recurring reporting requirements of the Congress and committees and make recommendations to the Congress and committees for changes and improvements in these reporting requirements to meet congressional information needs ascertained by the Comptroller General, to enhance their usefulness to the congressional users and to eliminate duplicative or unneeded reporting."

If this legislation is enacted, GAO will establish a reports monitoring system which will take the suggestions presented above into account. If this legislation is not enacted, the House Committee on Government Operations may wish to propose that a reports management function be established within the Congress itself.

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Honorable Elmer B. Staats
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Dear Elmer:

We discussed informally the possibility of a systematic review and evaluation by the General Accounting Office of the large number of reports which the Congress receives from the executive departments and agencies. There are literally hundreds of such reports required by statute, and many others are the result of requests made in committee reports or informally by committee chairmen or individual members. The Clerk of the House periodically issues a printed list of required reports, which probably number in the hundreds.

The volume and variety of recurring reports are cause for concern from several standpoints. Many of them may have outlived their usefulness or the reasons for their submission; others would be more useful to the Congress and the public if changed in format and content. I believe it would be helpful to the Congress, and conducive to economy and efficiency in Government operations, if the General Accounting Office would undertake to study this subject and make recommendations for improvement of reports to the Congress or discontinuance of those no longer needed.

I understand, of course, that this is an exceedingly complex subject and that there are many sources of congressional requests for executive information. The purpose of the study would be to improve the reporting process and permit the Congress to have more useful information at less cost. The purpose would not be to curtail or disrupt the flow of needed information or to adversely affect the oversight responsibilities of the standing committees of the Congress.

In this connection, I call your attention to Public Law 86-533, approved June 29, 1960, which provided for the discontinuance of certain reports to the Congress. This matter was handled by the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations. It is indicative of efforts needed to examine and purify the reporting requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Chet Holifield
Chairman

COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
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Dear :

The General Accounting Office is undertaking a study of the reports submitted to the Congress by executive agencies and departments. The GAO has been asked by the House Committee on Government Operations to evaluate these reports with the objective of recommending elimination of the unnecessary ones and improvement of the others. In order for us to accomplish this task, we will need the cooperation and assistance of every organization reporting to the Congress.

In February 1970, OMB Circular A-44, Transmittal Memorandum No. 1 initiated an executive branch study of reporting requirements. The objectives were to improve reporting, reduce related paperwork, and eliminate unnecessary requirements for three types of reports: public, internal, and interagency. The GAO study of the reports submitted to the Congress is an appropriate and necessary extension of the executive branch effort.

The need for such a study is obvious: The Congress receives hundreds of reports each year, many of which may no longer be useful or pertinent. The preparation of these reports can be costly and time-consuming. Thus the identification and elimination of those which are no longer necessary will be of direct benefit to each agency.

The requisite starting point for this study is a complete inventory of the reports submitted to the Congress. Your assistance is requested in building this inventory. The enclosed list describes the information elements which we require for each report that your organization submits to the Congress on a recurring basis.

I recognize that compiling this list will require time and effort, but I believe the potential benefits justify the endeavor. So that we may promptly complete our study, the inventory should be submitted to our office as soon as possible, but no later than September 15, 1972. Should you have any questions regarding this study or the information

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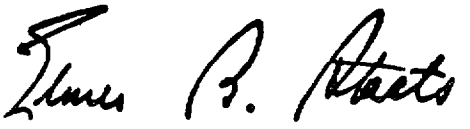
requested, please contact Mr. Lawrence M. Beeman of our Washington Regional Office on 557-2151 or IDS Code 16, extension 75151.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR EACH REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS

To ensure that the inventory of reports will be useful during the conduct of our study, we ask that the information elements listed below be provided (in the format shown by Enclosure II) for each report submitted to the Congress (Senate, House of Representatives, committees, and members). For this study, a report is any document or data transmitted to the Congress whether in narrative, tabular, graphic, or other form: Include every report submitted on a regular, periodic or recurring basis; do not include one-time or oral reports.

Please send the information to the U. S. General Accounting Office, 803 West Broad Street, Fifth floor, Falls Church, Virginia 22046, Attention: Mr. Lawrence M. Beeman. In order to facilitate proper control, information regarding classified reports should be submitted to us on a separate listing.

The information elements needed are:

1. Report title or other identification

   Provide the title of the report and any other identifier which the agency has assigned to the report; e.g., number, report control symbol, etc.

2. Description of content

   Provide a brief description of the report content; for example, "the report contains the number and dollar amounts of grants for the support of basic research to nonprofit organizations, for the subject fiscal year, listed by recipient institution."

3. Authority for the report

   Provide the basis for the reporting requirement (statute or request); for example, "40 U.S.C. 514(d)" or "June 9, 1970, request from the Chairman, House Committee on Government Operations."

4. Frequency of submission

   Provide the times at which the report is submitted; e.g., "monthly," "120 days after the end of the fiscal year," etc. Provide the specific date when appropriate.

5. Congressional recipients

   List the committees and individual members to whom the report is sent on a regular basis. Indicate those committees and members who have expressed interest in the report but who are not

formally recipients. Also designate those reports which are available to the public.

6. Originating organization

Provide the name, organization, and telephone number of the individual best able to provide detailed information about preparation of the report. Do not indicate the head of the agency unless he actually prepares the report.

7. Data source

Using the designations provided, indicate the source of data for each report. If several designations apply to a single report, list the source of data for each of its major segments or elements. The data source categories to be used are:

A. Reports, segments, or elements which are essentially duplicates of those used by agency management.

B. Reports, segments, or elements which are prepared from data sources used by agency management.

C. Reports, segments, or elements which are prepared from data sources not used by agency management; i.e., data are gathered and processed solely for the congressional reporting requirement.

8. Estimated preparation costs

Provide an estimate of the costs--expressed in terms of dollars and man-hours--attributable to providing the report to the Congress. For example, for reports with a designation of "A" in the above section, the cost to provide the report to the Congress would include only the costs associated with providing a duplicate copy or with reformating the data for submission to the Congress. For additional guidance as to the elements which should be included in the computation of costs, refer to the May 20, 1971, "Guidelines for the Computation of Dollar Savings for Government-wide Study to Improve Federal Reporting and Reduce Related Paperwork" issued by the Office of Management and Budget and the National Archives and Records Service.

9. Report evaluation

Your recommendations as to which reporting requirements should be discontinued will be of major value to our study. Therefore, identify those reports, major report segments, or elements which fall into the categories listed below. Provide a brief explanation for each one so identified.

1. Those which are particularly difficult or expensive to prepare.

2. Those which contain information which is provided to the Congress in other reports.

3. Those which, in your opinion, are no longer pertinent or useful to the Congress.

APPENDIX II

INVENTORY FORMAT

In order to facilitate the construction of a complete inventory and to ensure compatibility among the various agency inputs, we ask that the information elements for each report be arranged in the manner shown below. (The spaces provided below are not fixed--use whatever is necessary.) The numbers in parentheses refer to the list of elements in Enclosure I.

Report Title (1) _____

Agency Control Number (1) _____

Brief Description of Report (2) _____

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Authority for the Report (3) _____

Submission Cycle (4) _____

Congressional Recipients (5) _____

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Originator (6) _____

Data Source (7) _____

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Preparation Costs (8) _____

Report Evaluation (9) _____

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EXECUTIVE BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUBMITTED INFORMATION ON REPORTS

		Number of reports
1.	White House Staff	97
2.	Council of Economic Advisors	(a)
3.	Council on Environmental Quality	(a)
4.	National Aeronautics and Space Council	(a)
5.	Office of Economic Opportunity	2
6.	Office of Emergency Preparedness	4
7.	Council on International Economic Policy	1
8.	Special Representative for Trade Negotiations	(a)
9.	Office of Management and Budget	2
10.	Department of Agriculture	36
11.	Department of Commerce	22
12.	Department of Defense	115
13.	Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	61
14.	Department of Housing and Urban Development	6
15.	Department of the Interior	75
16.	Department of Justice	23
17.	Department of Labor	14
18.	Department of State, Agency for International Development	59
19.	Department of Transportation	26
20.	Department of Treasury	18
21.	ACTION	(a)
22.	Administrative Conference of the United States	1
23.	U.S. Advisory Commission on Information	1
24.	Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations	1
25.	AMTRACK	4
26.	United States Arms Control Agency	(a)
27.	U.S. Atomic Energy Commission	35
28.	Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System	4
29.	Civil Aeronautics Board	1
30.	United States Civil Service Commission	8
31.	Commission of Civil Rights	(a)
32.	Commission on Fine Arts	(a)
33.	Corporation for Public Broadcasting	(a)
34.	Cost of Living Council	(a)
35.	Environmental Protection Agency	4
36.	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	2
37.	Export-Import Bank of the United States	5
38.	Farm Credit Administration	1
39.	Federal Communications Commission	4
40.	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	1
41.	Federal Home Loan Bank Board	1
42.	Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service	1
43.	Federal Power Commission	2
44.	Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States	1
45.	General Services Administration	11
46.	Indian Claims Commission	2
47.	Interstate Commerce Commission	4
48.	National Advisory Council on Vocational Education	(a)
49.	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	13
50.	National Commission on Productivity	1
51.	National Credit Union Administration	(a)
52.	National Labor Relations Board	2
53.	National Mediation Board	1
54.	National Science Foundation	2
55.	Federal Trade Commission	9
56.	Overseas Private Investment Corporation	1
57.	Railroad Retirement Board	(a)
58.	Renegotiation Board	2
59.	Securities and Exchange Commission	2
60.	Selective Service System	1
61.	Small Business Administration	8
62.	Subversive Activities Control Board	2
63.	United States Tariff Commission	2
64.	Tennessee Valley Authority	3
65.	U.S. Information Agency	2
66.	Veterans Administration	21
67.	Water Resources Council	(a)
68.	U.S. Postal Service	2
	Multiagency	18
	Total reports	747

[a]Organizations do not submit reports directly to Congress but through another listed organization.

REPORTS ALL INTERVIEWEES AGREED COULD BE

ELIMINATED OR IMPROVED

POTENTIAL STATUTORY REPORT ELIMINATIONS:

Description	Authority
Commissary operations	15 U.S.C. 1514(b), Public Law 81-390, 63 Stat. 908
Claims settled under Act of June 5, 1920; report through Treasury Department by Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, on claims of $500 or less	33 U.S.C. 853, 41 Stat. 1054
Officers assigned to the Air Force (officers assigned or detailed to permanent duty in executive portion)	10 U.S.C. 8031(c), 70 A Stat. 490 as amended by 80 Stat. 1121
Officers on duty with Department of the Army and the Army General Staff	10 U.S.C. 3031(c), 64 Stat. 265
Report by Attorney General and Secretaries of the Interior and the Navy concerning facilities to provide water for irrigation, etc. from Santa Margarita River, California	Public Law 83-547, 68 Stat. 578
Items to be delivered from unobligated allocations for military assistance, including detailed breakdown of military assistance funds allocated and available	Public Law 84-208 as amended sec. 108, 69 Stat. 439
Agency operating the National Center for deaf-blind youths and adults, with comments and recommendations	29 U.S.C. 42a(c), (2), 81 Stat. 251
Areas of program administration and management which require improvement	12 U.S.C. 1701c, 82 Stat. 477 as amended, 84 Stat. 1816
Hudson River Basin on negotiations between New York and New Jersey, and, if they so desire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, on preparing a compact to deal with resources of the basin	Public Law 89-605 (sec. 3) and 91-242, 80 Stat. 848, 84 Stat. 203
Land acquisition or agreement entered into under this act authorizing acquisition or agreements to be made at Antietam National Battlefield Site	16 U.S.C. 430oo, 74 Stat. 80

Submitted by	Frequency	Committees interviewed
Commerce	Annually	Senate Commerce House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Commerce	Annually, on August 1	Senate Judiciary Senate Commerce House Government Operations
Defense	Annually	Senate and House Armed Services
Defense	Quarterly	Senate and House Armed Services
Justice, Interior, and Defense	Occasionally	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Defense	Quarterly	Senate and House Appropriations
Health, Education, and Welfare	Annually, approximately 30 days after end of fiscal year	Senate Labor and Public Welfare House Education and Labor
Housing and Urban Development	Annually, in August	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs House Banking and Currency
President, Interior	Annually	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	At least once each year	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs

POTENTIAL STATUTORY REPORT ELIMINATIONS (continued):

Description	Authority
Anthracite mine water control and mine sealing program	30 U.S.C. 575, 69 Stat. 353 as amended, 76 Stat. 935
Activities of, expenditures by, and donations to a research laboratory in the lignite-consuming region of North Dakota	30 U.S.C. 403, 62 Stat. 85
Exploration program for discovery of minerals	30 U.S.C. 645, 72 Stat. 701 as amended, 79 Stat. 1312
Annual submission of laws passed by Guam legislature	48 U.S.C. 1423i, 64 Stat. 389
Loans for expert assistance in Indian claims cases	25 U.S.C. 70n-3, 77 Stat. 301
Report of the business committee of full-blooded group of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah, through the Secretary of the Interior, of its activities and expenditures	25 U.S.C. 677w, 68 Stat. 877
Certain negotiated contracts involving sales of mineral and vegetative material on public lands	30 U.S.C. 602(b), 76 Stat. 588
Compensation agreements where lands owned by the United States are being drained of oil or gas by wells drilled on adjacent lands	30 U.S.C. 226(g), 74 Stat. 783
Copies of proposed grants and contracts under section 200(b) Public Law 89-404, Water Resources Act	42 U.S.C. 1961b, (b), 80 Stat. 130

Submitted by	Frequency	Committees interviewed
Interior	Annually, on or before February 1	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Annually, during April	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Annually, September 1	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Annually	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Within 15 days after loan is made	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Annually	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Semiannually	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Beginning of each regular session of the Congress	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	At least 60 days prior to award	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs

POTENTIAL STATUTORY REPORT ELIMINATIONS (continued):

Description	Authority
Reclassification of lands on an operating project	43 U.S.C. 485g (f), 53 Stat. 1192
Need for continued assistance to Boulder City municipality	72 Stat. 1734, Public Law 85-900 sec. 9(e)
Architectural/engineering fees and services in excess of $25,000 (note a)	Public Law 92-242 sec. 102, 86 Stat. 51
Participation of military personnel in the Federal Aviation Administration	49 U.S.C. 1343 as amended, 72 Stat. 745
Request for increase in contract authorization pursuant to section 4d of the Urban Mass Transportation Act, as amended	49 U.S.C. 1603(d), 84 Stat. 965 and 966
Adjustments for liquidation of contractual obligations	49 U.S.C. 1603(d), 84 Stat. 966
Employee listing	42 U.S.C. 2000 e-4, 78 Stat. 258
Contracts negotiated under 10 U.S.C. 2304 (a)(11) and (16) (note b)	10 U.S.C. 2304 (e)
Report of Director of Office of Economic Opportunity on comparability of wages	42 U.S.C. 2951(b), 80 Stat. 1470
Grants for basic scientific research and vesting title to equipment	42 U.S.C. 1893, Public Law 85-934 72 Stat. 1793
Activities of the Atomic Energy Commission under the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955, as amended	42 U.S.C. 2314, 69 Stat. 483

[a]A report is required of several organizations under the general provisions of Public Law 92-242; however, we received agreement to eliminate only the report required of the State Department, Agency for International Development.

[b]In addition to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration this report is also required of the Departments of Defense and Transportation; however, the recipients of the latter two reports did not agree to eliminate them.

Submitted by	Frequency	Committees interviewed
Interior	Occasionally, on conclusion of reclassification	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Interior	Every 5 years	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
State, Agency for International Development	Variable, but at least twice annually	Senate and House Appropriations
Transportation	Semiannually, August 1 and February 1	Senate Commerce House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Senate and House Armed Services
Transportation	February 1, 1972, and biannually thereafter	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs House Banking and Currency
Transportation	February 1, 1972, and biannually thereafter	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs House Banking and Currency
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Annually, June 30	Senate Judiciary House Education and Labor
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	Semiannually, May 19 and November 19	Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences House Science and Astronautics
President, Office of Economic Opportunity	Annually	Senate Labor and Public Welfare House Education and Labor House Appropriations
Multiagency	Annually	Senate and House Government Operations Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences House Science and Astronautics House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Joint Atomic Energy
Atomic Energy Commission	Every 3 years	Joint Atomic Energy

POTENTIAL NONSTATUTORY REPORT ELIMINATIONS AND ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN:

Description	Authority	Submitted by
Barter program activity	Committee request	Agriculture
Sheep scrapie	Committee request	Agriculture
Civilian personnel strengths, other than military departments	Committee request	Defense
New construction starts	Committee request	Interior
Quarterly financial management reports--Guam	Committee request	Interior
Quarterly financial management reports--trust territory of Pacific Islands	Committee request	Interior
Federal civilian employees all areas, total selected agency	Committee request	Civil Service Commission
Tennessee Valley Authority's programs activities involving youth	Committee request	Tennessee Valley Authority
Appeals to Board of Veterans Appeals	Committee request	Veterans Administration
Veterans Administration--employment by appropriation and program	Committee request	Veterans Administration
Payments made to producers in excess of $5,000	Voluntary	Agriculture
Updates of Senate Document 59 (priority listing of research facilities)	Committee request	Agriculture
Notification of receipt of an application for an REA (note a) loan of $2 million or less for generating facilities or of an upward revision in such an application or of the closeout without loan of such an application	S. Rept. 474, 1968 Agriculture Appropriation Bill	Agriculture
Notification of receipt of an application for an REA loan of more than $2 million for generation and/or transmission facilities or for an upward revision in such an application or the closeout without loan of such an application	S. Rept. 497, 1964 Agriculture Appropriation Bill	Agriculture

[a]Rural Electrification Administration.

Frequency	Committee interviewed	Action taken to eliminate report
Quarterly	House Agriculture	Committee letter to agency
Upon request	House Agriculture	Committee letter to agency
Annually, upon request	Senate Government Operations	-
Semiannually	House Interior and Insular Affairs	-
Quarterly	House Appropriations	-
Quarterly	House Appropriations	-
Monthly	House Post Office and Civil Service	Committee letter to agency
Periodic requests	House Education and Labor	Committee letter to agency
Annually	House Veterans Affairs	Committee letter to agency
Monthly	House Appropriations	-
Annually, March 15	Senate Appropriations	-
When required	Senate and House Appropriations	-
As such applications or revisions are received	Senate Appropriations	-
As such are received	Senate Appropriations	-

POTENTIAL NONSTATUTORY REPORT ELIMINATIONS AND ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN (continued):

Description	Authority	Submitted by
Certification of necessity of REA loan in excess of $2 million for generation and/or transmission facilities	S. Rept. 497, 1964 Agriculture Appropriation Bill	Agriculture
Notification of REA approval as to (1) new loans for generation and/or transmission facilities including amount of funds involved and purposes, (2) change of purpose loan budget transfers for generation and/or transmission facilities	S. Rept. 394, 1962 Agricultural Appropriation Bill	Agriculture
Territorial integrity	S. Rept. 497, 1964 Agricultural Appropriation Bill	Agriculture
Satellite operations	S. Rept. 1726, dated October 13, 1966	Commerce
Minute Man National Historic Park leaseback--sellback	H. Rept. 91-1398, S. Rept. 91--1390 in support of Public Law 91-548	Interior
Nuclear committee report	Committee request	Defense
Fact sheets--A factual depiction of each proposed new major construction project and of specified operating programs and ongoing construction projects	Committee request	Atomic Energy Commission
PM-3A plant status	Committee request	Atomic Energy Commission
Federal repository progress	Joint Committee Rept. 92-325	Atomic Energy Commission
Special nuclear material licensed for export	Committee request	Atomic Energy Commission

Frequency	Committee interviewed	Action taken to eliminate report
As such loans are approved	Senate Appropriations	-
As loans or budget transfers are approved	Senate and House Appropriations	-
Annually	Senate Appropriations	-
Quarterly	Senate and House Appropriations	-
As transactions are contemplated	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs	-
As required	Joint Atomic Energy	Committee staff phone call to agency
Annually	Joint Atomic Energy	-
Monthly	Joint Atomic Energy	-
Semimonthly	Joint Atomic Energy	-
Semimonthly	Joint Atomic Energy	-

POTENTIAL REPORT IMPROVEMENTS--FREQUENCY CHANGES:

Description	Authority
Quarterly report on export control (note a)	Public Law 91-184 as amended, 50 U.S.C. app. 2409, 2403
Defense cataloging and standardization program (note a)	10 U.S.C. 2455
Financial contributions to States for civil defense purposes (note a)	50 U.S.C. app. 2281(i)
Defense semiannual report on chemical and biological research programs (note a)	50 U.S.C. 1511
Secretary's transmittal of grants approved as required by sec. 1120 of the Social Security Act (note a)	42 U.S.C. 1320(b)
Actions taken pursuant to the act of Sept. 5, 1962, on examinations conducted outside of the national domain (note a)	43 U.S.C. 31(c)
Minor construction and operation and maintenance facilities (note a)	10 U.S.C. 2674(f)
Payments in excess of $50,000	Committee request

POTENTIAL REPORT IMPROVEMENTS--PORTION ELIMINATIONS:

Description	Authority
Government employees training program (eliminate detailed list of all employees attending training programs for 120 days or longer) (note a)	5 U.S.C. 1308(b) 5 U.S.C. 4113(b)(2)
Defense related employment (eliminate detailed list of former officers and Defense personnel employed by contractors with contracts in excess of $10 million) (note a)	50 U.S.C. 1436(d)
Report under sec. 4(d) of the Federal Power Act (eliminate the employee listing) (note a)	16 U.S.C. 797(d)
Small Business Administration annual report, volumes I and II (eliminate State-by-State, town-by-town listing of recipients of business loans and other grants) (note a)	15 U.S.C. 639(a)
Names, salaries, and duties of National Labor Relations Board employees; cases heard and decided; final statements (eliminate section 1--names, salaries, and duties of employees) (note a)	29 U.S.C. 153(c)

[a] Improvements requiring a statute change.

Submitted by	Frequency change	Committees interviewed
Commerce	Quarterly to semiannually	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Senate Finance Senate Commerce House Banking and Currency House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Defense	Semiannually to annually	Senate and House Armed Services
Defense	Quarterly to annually	Senate and House Armed Services
Defense	Semiannually to annually	Senate and House Armed Services
Health, Education, and Welfare	Quarterly to annually	Senate Finance House Ways and Means
Interior	Semiannually to annually	Senate and House Interior and Insular Affairs
Defense	Semiannually to annually	Senate and House Armed Services House Appropriations
Agriculture	Monthly to quarterly	House Government Operations

Submitted by	Frequency	Committees interviewed
President, Civil Service Commission	Annually	Senate and House Post Office and Civil Service
Defense	Annually	Senate and House Armed Services
Federal Power Commission	Annually	Senate Commerce House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Small Business Administration	Annually	Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs House Banking and Currency
National Labor Relations Board	Annually	Senate Labor and Public Welfare House Education and Labor

POTENTIAL REPORT IMPROVEMENTS--COMBINATIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

Description	Authority
Combinations:	
Listing of education planning and evaluation activities	20 U.S.C. 1222(b)
Annual evaluation report on education programs	20 U.S.C. 1224(a)
Annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of finances and statistical appendix	31 U.S.C. 102[illegible]
Tax expenditure budget	Committee request
Report under sec. 4(d) of the Federal Power Act (note a)	16 U.S.C. 797(d)
Federal Power Commission annual report	Voluntary
Fair Packaging and Labeling (note a)	15 U.S.C. 1457, 80 Stat. 1300
Annual Report of the Federal Trade Commission to the Congress	15 U.S.C. 46(f), Public Law 203, 38 Stat. 721
Status of equal opportunity program	S. Doc. 91-15 recommendations
Summary of affirmative findings for projects constructed by methods other than competitive bidding	23 U.S.C. 112(b)
Department of Transportation annual report	49 U.S.C. 1658
Change from bound report to looseleaf form:	
Commissioner's catalog of federal education programs	20 U.S.C. 1231(c)

[a] Improvements requiring a statute change.

Submitted by	Frequency	Committees interviewed
Health, Education, and Welfare	Annually	Senate and House Appropriations Senate Labor and Public Welfare House Education and Labor
Health, Education, and Welfare	Annually	Senate and House Appropriations Senate Labor and Public Welfare House Education and Labor
Treasury	Annually	House Ways and Means Senate Finance
Treasury	Annually	House Ways and Means
Federal Power Commission	Annually	Senate Commerce House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Federal Power Commission	Annually	Senate Commerce House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Federal Trade Commission	Annually	Senate Commerce House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Federal Trade Commission	Annually	Senate Commerce House Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Transportation	Annually	Senate Public Works
Transportation	Whenever such finding is made	House Public Works
Transportation	Annually	House Public Works Senate Public Works
Health, Education, and Welfare	Annually	Senate Labor and Public Welfare House Education and Labor