

CHART NO. 6

GROWTH IN NUMBER OF COMPUTERS IN THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1. The first computers installed in the Federal Government--still in use--were for scientific purposes. These were the EDVAC, installed in July 1949 at the Ballistics Research Laboratories in Aberdeen, Maryland, and the SEAC, built and installed at the National Bureau of Standards in 1950. The first computer installed for administrative or business-type purposes was the UNIVAC I--delivered to the Bureau of the Census in mid-1950.

2. During the early 1950's, uses of computers were concentrated primarily in the scientific area. Business-type uses came into prominence about 1956.

3. The projection of 1500 computers by FY 1966 reflects a slight leveling off from the sharp upward trend experienced during FY 1958 - 1962, but recognizes a sustained growth as units with punched-card equipment only convert to the use of electronic computers.

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