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Congress, including expenditures for (1) rent and personal services at the seat of government and elsewhere; (2) travel expenses; (3) office furniture, equipment and supplies, lawbooks, newspapers, periodicals, and books of reference (including the exchange thereof); (4) printing and binding; (5) membership in and cooperation with such organizations as are related to, or are part of the civil-aeronautics industry or the art of aeronautics in the United States or in any foreign country; (6) making investigations and conducting studies in matters pertaining to aeronautics; and (7) acquisition (including exchange), operation, and maintenance of passenger-carrying automobiles and aircraft, and such other property as is necessary in the exercise and performance of the powers and duties of the Board: *Provided*, That no aircraft or motor vehicle purchased under the provisions of this section, shall be used otherwise than for official business.

Travel

(b) Travel by personnel of the United States Government on commercial aircraft, domestic or foreign, including travel between airports and centers of population or posts of duty when incidental to travel on commercial aircraft, shall be allowed at public expense when authorized or approved by competent authority, and transportation requests for such travel may be issued upon such authorizations. Such expense shall be allowed without regard to comparative costs of transportation by aircraft with other modes of transportation.

Acceptance of Donations

(c) The Board, on behalf of the United States, is authorized to accept any gift or donation of money or personal property, or of services, where appropriate, for the purposes of its functions under title VII of this Act. For adequate compensation, by sale, lease, or otherwise, the Board, on behalf of the United States, is authorized to dispose of any such personal property or interest therein: *Provided*, That such disposition shall be made in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

General Powers

SEC. 204. [72 Stat. 743, 49 U.S.C. 1324] (a) The Board is empowered to perform such acts, to conduct such investigations, to issue and amend such orders, and to make and amend such general or special rules, regulations, and procedure, pursuant to and consistent with the provisions of this Act, as it shall deem necessary to carry out the provisions of, and to exercise and perform its powers and duties under this Act.

Cooperation With State Aeronautical Agencies

(b) The Board is empowered to confer with or to hold joint hearings with any State aeronautical agency, or other State agency, in connection with any matter arising under this Act within its jurisdiction, and to avail itself of the cooperation, services, records, and fa-