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MEASUREMENT OF IMPACT

ACDA/E/RA-7

CONTRACTOR: Various contractors through Department of Defense

TITLE: Studies to Measure the Economic Impact of Defense Spending

DESCRIPTION: These cover a number of efforts to develop data and data systems which can be used to improve knowledge of the impact of defense purchases of goods and services on the economy. Their broad purpose is to see how such purchases, in aggregate or broken down by military program, contribute to the economic activity levels of industries and regions (or communities) and to what extent sufficiently stable relationships exist for use in predicting the industrial or regional impact of changes in defense purchases of goods and services. The data are of interest to ACDA for purposes of estimating the impacts of disarmament and to other agencies in estimating the impacts of other changes in defense spending (Office of Business Economics of the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Department of Defense).

Efforts thus far include the following:

- (1) A census (MA-175) of shipments to government agencies in 1963 by defense-oriented industries conducted by the Census Bureau; the survey covers shipments to or receipts for work done for Federal agencies and their contractors or suppliers; the survey was supplemental to the 1963 Census of Manufactures; the results of the survey are contained in Special Report MC 63 (S) - 2 of the Census Bureau issued March 1966, available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., for \$.30 per copy. The report shows value of shipments and receipts by industry groups and geographic areas. A similar survey covering 1965 shipments is contemplated.