

Our goals for the future include:

Development, in coordination with the National Bureau of Standards, of measurement techniques relating equipment cost and capability which will enable agencies to purchase or lease the most economical and efficient equipment suitable to their needs.

Continued improvement of procurement practices emphasizing full implementation of the single purchaser concept.

Determination of the most efficient, effective and economical ADP maintenance system for Government use.

Reexamination of procedures for reutilization of excess ADP equipment and utilization of available machine time now unused to assure maximizing use of available assets.

Determination, well in advance of planned termination of use of equipment by one agency, whether there is need for its continued use by other Government agencies.

Working with the National Bureau of Standards, in the development of uniform programming languages, standards, machine applications, and a library of common use machine programs.

Development and acquisition of a system for storing archival and similar data on other than magnetic tape, thereby releasing for reuse several thousand reels of tape.

Our study of the management of magnetic tape affords a basis to conclude that centralization of the function of cleaning tape for reuse could save several million dollars annually. We hope to be able to do something about this as soon as the revolving fund requested in GSA's fiscal year 1968 budget is available. I am pleased to report that the House committee has approved and included in our appropriations request this year the \$10 million we asked for.

Determining the feasibility of establishing human resource pools such as key punch operators and programmers.

UTILIZATION OF EXCESS PROPERTY

With respect to GSA's program to promote the utilization of all types of excess personal property, we strive continually to improve techniques for increasing such utilization throughout the Government in lieu of new procurement and we consistently stress to Federal agencies, in keeping with the President's cost reduction program, the cost avoidance benefits of using available excess property.

Excess personal property costing \$95 million was transferred by GSA to other Federal agencies for further use in 1956. By 1965, 577,524 line items costing \$677 million were so transferred. While the quantity of excess property available decreased significantly in 1966 due to the military buildup in Southeast Asia, the quantity of such property transferred for further Federal use remained high at 585,497 line items costing \$617.1 million. A further reduction in available excess properties is being experienced in fiscal year 1967 with property costing only \$1.5 billion becoming available during the first 8 months, \$409.5 million of which has been reassigned for continued Federal use.

Excess property currently being generated continues to include increasingly larger proportions of property with limited potential for further Federal use, such as aircraft, electronic communications equip-