

A-56. Regulations governing payment of travel and transportation expenses of civilian officers and employees of the United States

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In furtherance of the goals of its management improvement program the Bureau becomes involved in detailed review and analysis of specific areas of common activity from time to time. For example, the Bureau issued instructions to all agencies inviting their sustained cooperation in the establishment and operation of the Federal Telecommunications System. Also Bureau staff are currently conducting a preliminary analysis of land acquisition organization and practices in the executive branch. The Bureau reviews specific programs under Circular A-68 to provide centralized administrative support services to agencies. GSA has the primary responsibility for furnishing specific operating guidelines for establishment of these support services which include such common activities as:

- office and storage space;
- self-service supply stores;
- transportation services;
- health units; and
- printing and duplicating plants.

Finally, the grouping of common-type activities in logical organizational settings has been a prime consideration in the Bureau's participation in the President's programs for improving the organization of the executive branch. This is illustrated by reorganizations which resulted in the creation of the Environmental Science Services Administration within the Commerce Department, the creation of the Department of Transportation, the transfer of Community Relations Service from the Commerce Department to the Department of Justice, and the transfer of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to the Department of the Interior.

Question. Last year we had a discussion as to the use of the "punkin fund" in the DOD to finance sales operations. Under authority in the DOD Appropriation Act, the receipts from sales of surplus property are used to finance sales and preparation of sales. Since that authority was granted a number of years ago the cost of DOD sales has gone up and now use 77.2% of sales receipts. What control does BOB exert over the use of these receipts?

Answer. With respect to receipts from sales of DOD surplus personal property, these operations are subject to the normal financial and manpower controls applicable to Defense activities generally. No special controls are applied by the Bureau. Bureau staff have, however, worked with personnel of the Department of Defense in connection with the management problems in this area. Tighter management and cost controls will be placed in effect with greater responsibilities to be assumed by the Defense Supply Agency for central direction of the program.

It should be recognized that disposal proceeds and the costs chargeable thereto are not directly comparable. For example, in fiscal year 1966, a total of \$6.4 billion (acquisition cost) of personal property moved through DOD utilization and disposal programs. Administrative and handling expenses in connection with all this property are charged to disposal proceeds. However, over \$2.7 billion of this property (acquisition cost) was transferred within the Federal Government or donated, with no revenue resulting. Less than \$3.7 billion worth of property (at acquisition cost) was sold, and most of this is scrap. The volume of reutilization, which produces no revenue in this account, has nearly doubled in recent years, while the volume of property available for sale has steadily decreased.