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5. A method of collecting and maintaining continuous usage data on items in the system that will be managed on a non-stock basis.

6. The development of a Federal Supply Catalog which will contain all the items being managed intensively, whether they be stocked or not.

7. Finally, an examination of the impact of the implementation of the task group's recommendation on the Federal establishment.

The Committee on February 20, 1975, directed the task group to amplify its concept. We anticipate receiving their recommendations within 30 to 60 days. If adopted, the recommendations will then be the basis for the actual establishment of the single management system.

The details, including specific purchasing assignments, will then become definite. The concept will become the plan. When complete, this system should lead to significant economies not only in drug procurement but also for medical devices and nonperishable food. Since the total dollar volume of all those items was \$1.5 billion in FY 1972, the savings should be significant.