

## COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 12087

4. That the Food and Drug Administration in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare should assume responsibility for the quality assurance for all agency procurement of drugs and medical devices.

The full recommendations can be found on pages 18, 19 and 20 of the Office of Management and Budget Study.

The report and recommendations were endorsed by the agencies and approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget by letter of June 4, 1974, to the heads of the four agencies concerned. In that letter, which also assigned implementing responsibilities, the Director emphasized that effective implementation of the single system recommendation should ultimately assure timely deliveries of required supplies by methods which result in the least total cost to the Federal Government.

Responsibility for implementing the first three recommendations was assigned to an interagency committee comprised of representatives of the Department of Defense, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Veterans Administration and the General Services Administration with lead responsibility to be carried forward by the General Services Administration's Office of Federal Management Policy. Under the leadership of GSA Associate Administrator Ronald Zechman, an Interagency Medical/Nonperishable Subsistence Supply Management Committee was established to implement the study recommendations.