

An opportunity for savings by adopting the manufacturers' recommended preventive maintenance programs may be available to other agencies of the Government.

We brought our findings to the attention of the General Services Administration and proposed that it adopt the manufacturers' recommended programs. In a letter dated August 30, 1966, the Deputy Administrator advised us that his agency had been working with manufacturers to revise the current guide for preventive maintenance.

A revised guide was issued in April 1967. However, because it retains uniform service intervals for some preventive maintenance items, it must provide for overmaintenance of some vehicle makes and models in order to provide adequate maintenance for all vehicle makes and models. Also, there has been—and we believe that there will continue to be—a considerable lag in time before General Services Administration adopts the manufacturers' program revisions made possible by technological improvements.

Further, the revised guide is applicable only to 1966 and later models of vehicles. We estimate that, if the manufacturers' recommended programs for 1963 through 1965 vehicle models are adopted promptly, savings of about \$350,000 can still be realized on these vehicles while they remain in inventory.

We therefore recommended that the Administrator of General Services implement our proposals as specified in detail in our report.