

29 at 10:00 A.M. Please forward 100 copies of your prepared statement at least one day prior to your appearance.

In general, the hearings will be a follow-up on the conclusions and recommendations contained in our report of July 1967. There are a number of specific references therein to GSA which will merit special attention at the upcoming hearings:

1. Procurement policies and practices.
 - a. Developments in use of Buy American Act.
 - b. Program for procurement and management of Automatic Data Processing Equipment (ADPE).
 - c. Public utilities. Savings and adequacy of staffing. Extent of G.S.A. participation before regulatory bodies.
 - d. Competitive versus negotiated procurement. Use of principles embodied in Truth in Negotiations Act (P.L. 87-653) by G.S.A.
 - e. Procurement of commercial industrial products and services pursuant to BOB Circular No. A-76, revised.
2. Inventory management.
 - a. Progress in control of short shelf life items.
 - b. Status report on inventory of ADPE.
 - c. Utilization of excess and surplus personal property.
3. Progress in developing a National Supply System.
 - a. DOD/GSA relationships.
 - b. GSA civilian agency relationships.
4. Status of management of real properties pursuant to Budget Circular A-2, revised.

If additional information is required, please contact Mr. Ray Ward, Staff Consultant, Code 173—Ext. 8169.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM PROXMIRE.

NOVEMBER 20, 1967.

HON. LAWSON B. KNOTT, JR.
Administrator, General Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. KNOTT: Reference is made to your scheduled appearance in my letter of November 8, 1967 advising you of the hearings of the Subcommittee on Economy in Government on November 29, 1967.

With respect to the management of short shelf life items, will you bring us up to date on the programs to use the medical stockpile, including utilization and losses since our last hearing and other pertinent information.

Best regards,

WILLIAM PROXMIRE.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Our hearings have largely been concerned with procurement and property management subjects. The declaration of policy in the act establishing GSA states, section 2:

"It is the intent of the Congress in enacting this legislation to provide for the Government an economical and efficient system for (a) the procurement and supply of personal property and nonpersonnel services, including related functions such as contracting, inspection, storage, issue, specifications, property identification and classification, transportation and traffic management, establishment of pools or systems for transportation of Government personnel and property by motor vehicle within specific areas, management of public utility services, repairing and converting establishment of inventory levels, establishment of forms and procedures, and representation before Federal and State regulatory bodies; (b) the utilization of available property; (c) the disposal of surplus property; and (d) records management."

You, therefore, have much at stake in these hearings, and I know you and your agency have made a large contribution in this broad and enormously important field. Please introduce your associates and proceed.