each agency's action in response to the circular. The report will be based on annual reviews required by the circular. It will indicate whether or not all properties under the custody of an agency are needed, the action which has been and is being taken to screen, report excess, or otherwise dispose of unneeded properties.

It will also indicate the number of properties returned to the public domain and properties made available to other agencies by permit. Copies of new and revised instructions or criteria developed and issued by the agency to implement Circular A-2 will also accompany the report. The Bureau of the Budget will critically review these reports and the agencies' criteria for implementation of Circular A-2.

We believe, generally speaking, that the agencies are doing an effective job in the management of their real property holdings. We as well as the agencies, however, are trying to find better ways of attaining our overall objectives of—

Effective and economic use of current property holdings in meeting program objectives;

Identification of unneeded property;

Reporting unneeded property as excess;

Disposing of surplus real property for its highest and best use; and

Limiting acquisitions to actual program requirements.

We believe the results attained during the last 5 years are significant. In the 5-year period, ending June 30, 1967, Federal agencies identified as unneeded and reported to GSA as excess, real property costing $4.4 billion. During this period, excess real property, costing $542.4 million, was transferred between agencies, thus avoiding the need to seek funds to purchase or construct new holdings for new or expanded Federal programs.

Disposals of surplus real property for the 5-year period ending June 30, 1967, amounted to $2.5 billion, in terms of acquisition cost. Of the total disposals, in terms of acquisition cost—

$1.9 billion or 74.9 percent was sold at fair market value;

$278.6 million was conveyed on favorable terms for health and educational purposes;

$187.6 million was donated for airport purposes;

$15.2 million was donated for wildlife and historic monument purposes;

$44.4 million was sold at 50 percent of current value for park and recreational purposes; and

$115.7 million was disposed of by special legislation, abandonment, destruction, and writeoff.

VALUE OF FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY STEADILY INCREASES IN DOD

Chairman PROXMIRE. In spite of all that, I am very much concerned that the amount owned by the Federal Government seems to be growing relentlessly, and very sharply.

For instance, in the DOD I note that in 1955 there was $21 billion, went to $23 billion the next, $25 billion the next, $27 billion, next, nearly $30 billion the next, $33 billion the next year, $34 billion, $35 billion, $37 billion, close to $38 billion—and, it is $38.3 billion in 1966. So that each