

REPORTS RELATING TO SERVICE-TYPE AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT

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Operation of a dairy farm by the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., Department of the Navy (we found that it would be more economical to rely on commercial sources for dairy products)	B-156167	Mar. 23, 1966
Savings available through more extensive use of contract vehicle service and of certain mail-handling equipment, Post Office Department	B-114874	Nov. 29, 1965
Failure to curtail operation at Government expense of military commissary stores in continental United States where adequate commercial facilities are available, Department of Defense	B-146875	Apr. 16, 1964
Letter to the chairman of the Joint Economic Committee concerning commissary stores (contents restricted)	B-146875 ¹	July 9, 1964
Letter to Hon. Thomas B. Curtis concerning commissary stores (contents restricted)	B-146875 ¹	Dec. 14, 1964
Followup review of Government production compared to procurement of weapons and related parts, Department of the Army (we found that unnecessary costs were incurred by placing orders with arsenals without comparing costs with prices of commercial sources)	B-146848	Aug. 31, 1964
Unnecessary costs resulting from Government production of M-60 machineguns and repair parts rather than procurement from the commercial source, Department of the Army	B-146883	Aug. 21, 1964
Unnecessary costs resulting from Government production of M-14 rifle repair parts rather than procurement from commercial sources, Department of the Army	B-146848	Feb. 7, 1964
Letters to Hon. Harold T. Johnson concerning maintenance of radio equipment (contents restricted)	B-148347 ¹	June 29, 1962
(Contents restricted)	B-148347 ¹	Oct. 22, 1962

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,
December 18, 1967.

HON. ELMER B. STAATS,
Comptroller General of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. STAATS: Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated December 8, 1967 from the Honorable William B. Widnall concerning testimony given to the Subcommittee on Economy in Government by Mr. Lewis R. Caveney on November 30, 1967.

Will you please investigate the points raised by this letter and report to the Subcommittee? At the present time, no date has been set for additional hearings but I would appreciate your report as soon as your staff load will permit.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM PROXMIRE, *Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., December 8, 1967.

HON. WILLIAM PROXMIRE,
Chairman, Joint Economic Committee,
New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In his testimony before the Subcommittee on Economy in Government of the Joint Economic Committee on November 30, Mr. Lewis R. Caveney of the Bryant Computer Products Division of Ex-Cell-o Corporation noted one instance in which had the Government procured a computer system on the basis of buying from peripheral manufacturers rather than from one systems manufacturer the savings to the Government in that one instance alone would have amounted to \$429,250. He also stated that this savings was just the initial cost savings, that additional savings were possible in the one instance, from a savings on 336 square feet of space, at \$100 per square foot, according to the General Services Administration, and a savings on the number of individual parts which required maintenance and manpower. Mr. Caveney contended that his figures in this one instance could be substantiated by the General Accounting Office.

My inquiry, then, is this: Could the General Accounting Office both substantiate the instance Mr. Caveney referred to and go one step further and study computer procurements in both the General Services Administration and the Department of Defense to determine what savings could accrue to the Federal