

Government by direct procurement of peripheral parts of computer systems from peripheral manufacturers? I note the studies that have been made concerning the procurement of aeronautical space parts and others which have led to a substantial savings for the Federal Government.

We are currently spending some \$3 billion annually for computer systems. If the Federal Government can purchase these systems at a substantial savings by direct purchase from the peripheral manufacturers, then a study such as I propose would be well worth the effort. I would hope that such a study could be completed for the Joint Economic Committee before its next meeting in the Spring of 1967.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress.

At the time these hearings went to press the GAO had not completed the study covering the points raised by Representative Widnall.

Their reply will be furnished to the Subcommittee on Economy in Government upon completion and will be retained in the subcommittee files.