

The last detailed review of the organizational structure of the Bureau was made by the Commission in the latter part of 1965 and the early part of 1966 without any organizational changes being made in the Bureau. It is believed that the present organization does result in the broadcast program being carried out effectively and efficiently. Internal reviews are also made by supervisory personnel at various levels to determine if organizational or other changes could possibly result in a more effective or efficient operation.

15. Are there any outstanding GAO reports on this program? If so, what is the status of the GAO recommendations the report contains?

There are no outstanding GAO reports on the broadcast program.

16. What significant problems, if any, are you facing in accomplishing the program objectives?

One of the main problems is that there are not enough employees to process applications at a rate sufficient to assure a reasonable period of time for final action. The broadcast enforcement program and rulemaking activities also need to be strengthened to provide a more effective program in these areas.

17. Do you administer any grants, loans, or other disbursed funds related to this program? If so, is the size of your administrative staff commensurate with the magnitude of the outlays?

No.

18. If your appropriations were reduced, how would you absorb the cut—by an overall reduction, or by cutting or curtailing certain activities?

For years the Broadcast Bureau has operated with a minimum staff to handle its varied activities. If appropriations were reduced serious consideration would be given to suspending further grants for new stations or major modifications in the standard broadcast band, since this is the most mature of the several services administered by the Bureau.

19. If additional funds were available, what would you do with the new money?

At the present time the Broadcast Bureau's Complaints and Compliance Division is seriously understaffed for conducting investigations of violations by broadcast licensees and for preparing investigative reports and agenda items based upon such investigations, so additional funds would be used to strengthen this activity.

It would also be desirable to add additional personnel to application processing which would result in more expeditious action on the various types of applications and in the hearing process in response to the increased workload expected. Some additional manpower would also be added in rulemaking in order to assure the orderly development of the various broadcast services in light of technical advances anticipated such as laser beams, satellites, and wire transmission.

PROGRAM IV: COMMON CARRIER

1. What is the nature of and authority for this program?

This program covers the regulation of the portion of the communications industry which furnishes interstate and foreign communications services for hire to the public by use of wire, radio, or satellite facilities. The program includes: regulation of rates, services, accounting practices, and prescription of depreciation rates of communications common carriers; licensing and certification of communications common carrier facilities including the licensing of all radio used in common carrier communications, intrastate as well as interstate, and preparation for and participation in international telecommunication conferences. Authority for the program is contained in the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Communications Satellite Act of 1962.

2. Who is the person primarily in charge of this program at the operative level (name and title)?

Mr. Bernard Strassburg, Chief, Common Carrier Bureau.

3. How much money and capital equipment is available under this program for fiscal 1968?

A total of \$2,238,696 is available under this program for fiscal 1968. There is no amount included for capital equipment.

4. Would you describe the output generated by this program?

The output of this program comes under two broad categories, which are basically the establishment and maintenance of (1) adequate interstate and foreign services and facilities to meet all reasonable demands for expeditious