

B. Services provided

This program includes the transportation of nonlocal mail within the United States; from the United States to foreign countries, including military mail which travels by air; and the payment to foreign countries for U.S. international mail transited through their country. Also included is the transportation of empty mail equipment with the 48 contiguous States.

The cost of these services generally is contingent on the volume of mail transported at rates (1) established by regulatory agencies, or (2) obtained by advertising with award to the lowest responsible bidder. During fiscal year 1968, approximately 60 billion pieces of nonlocal mail will be transported at a cost of \$781,516,000. This includes \$130 million for the transportation of military overseas mail by air, which is reimbursed by the Department of Defense.

In the fiscal year 1968, we estimate 7.784 billion tons of mail will be moved by the various transportation modes in intercity and international services. The ton-miles and cost of each mode is estimated as follows:

1. Intercity transportation (this includes the movement of mail within and between the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, between post offices and transportation facilities, and box delivery service when performed by star route service).

	Ton-miles (billion)	Cost
(a) Water.....	0.053	\$5,096,000
(b) Highway.....	1.583	176,158,000
(c) Rail.....	4.212	254,545,000
(d) Air.....	.565	159,025,000

2. International transportation (this includes the movement of mail from the United States to Guam, the trust territories, and foreign countries).

	Ton-miles (billion)	Cost
(a) Water.....	0.357	\$16,499,000
(b) Air:		
Civilian.....	.071	37,000,000
Military.....	.461	130,886,000

¹ Reimbursed by the Department of Defense.

3. Empty mail equipment (this includes the transportation and the contract handling of empty mail equipment).

	Cost
a. Transportation.....	\$2,144,000
b. Contract facilities.....	163,000

C. Financing

Funds for transportation are provided by the appropriation "Transportation." For 1968 it is estimated that this appropriation will total \$781,516,000, including supplementals.

D. Employment

No employment charged to this category.

E. Statutory authority

United States Code, title 39, chapter 93: Section 6101. Provisions for carrying the mail.

(a) The Postmaster General shall provide for the transportation of mail by land, air, or water as often as he deems proper under the circumstances—

(1) Within, among and between, the United States, its territories, territories under trusteeship, possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Armed Forces; and

(2) between the United States, its territories, territories under trusteeship, possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or its Armed Forces, and any foreign country.