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Headquarters -----	85
Field -----	41
Total -----	126

9. What capital equipment, such as ADP, if any, do you rely upon to fulfill this program?

Funds for capital equipment are not included in this program. However, by the nature of this program we must rely on the total ADP and PSDS effort which in 1968 amounts to \$9,323,000. Funds for capital equipment are included in category VIII, "Logistical support."

10. Do you expect the expenditures or the benefits of the program to grow appreciably in the future?

No appreciable increase is anticipated, other than normal growth to accommodate the increased workload in the years to come.

11. At what level are the personnel responsible for the various parts of the program coordinated to determine if the program as a whole is being efficiently carried out?

At all levels. The element and category managers coordinate their activities at the post office and regional level as well as the bureau and office level at headquarters and finally at the departmental level.

12. Is there a continual program review within the agency other than the annual budgetary review, to determine more effective and efficient ways to achieve these program objectives?

Yes, the Executive Planning Board (composed of the PMG, DPMG, and the top staff of the Department), and the Office of Planning and System Analysis conduct a continuing review of all major programs of the Department seeking more effective and efficient methods of moving the mail.

13. To your knowledge, does this program duplicate or parallel work being done by any other agency?

No. The Post Office Department has no counterpart in the Federal Government.

14. Is your organizational structure such that the program is being carried out most efficiently and effectively?

Yes. We believe the present structure to be most efficient and effective for carrying out the objectives of this program.

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

Yes. The GAO report of April 30, 1968, relating to "Internal Control and Security of ADP Disbursing Operations" (State Department Regional Finance and Data Processing Center, Paris, France). At this time Chairman Brooks has requested the BOB to review other agencies' internal control and security measures. Awaiting results of this review.

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

The most significant problem is the need for strengthening the management capability at both the headquarters and the regional level. This has been pointed out during hearings before the Appropriations Committees of the Congress but, to date, we have not been overly successful in obtaining the necessary resources to attain this goal.

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?

We have none whatsoever.

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

It would depend on the area in which the reduction was made and the magnitude of the reduction—we would probably use both alternatives to the degree we felt to be in the best interests of the American public, the postal employees, and the postal service as a whole.

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

In this area, we would strengthen our management capability at both the headquarters and the regional level as discussed previously as our most significant problem in accomplishing the objectives of this program.