

Jan. 18, 1968, Government-wide review of the administration of certain statutory and regulatory requirements relating to architect-engineer fees (included in selected significant audit findings, pp. 125-130).

March 20, 1968, converting heating plants at certain postal facilities from coal to other fuel.

March 25, 1968, planning for space in small- and medium-size post offices.

April 9, 1968, maintenance of automatic data processing equipment in the Federal Government:

Maintenance of computer-controlled mail processing equipment.

Maintenance of other ADP equipment.

April 18, 1968, standards for post office administrative office space.

May 1, 1968, practices used in acquiring control of sites for leased postal facilities.

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

Once funds are justified and obtained for this program, the critical problem is the achieving of operational savings as anticipated. For example, the savings on the previously referenced charts can only be obtained through management procedures which will either reduce labor costs or enforce greater productivity so that the expected savings will become a reality. Considerable progress has been made. For example, during the installation of a letter sorter the Bureau of Operations notifies the postmaster that his complement will be decreased by a certain number of positions after the letter sorter becomes operational.

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 grants, loans, and so forth, are related to this program.

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

The Post Office Department needs to maintain its modernization program. Accordingly, investment in plant and equipment and postal public buildings is essential. The attached information reflects how cuts imposed by the House would be taken in the plant and equipment and postal public buildings appropriations for fiscal year 1969 and are explained in the category manager's statement by John L. O'Marra, Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Facilities.

HOUSE CUT IN PLANT & EQUIPMENT MUST BE TAKEN IN FEDERAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM...

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>FY 1969 REQUEST TO CONGRESS (\$000)</u>	<u>FY 1969 HOUSE APPROPRIATION (\$000)</u>	<u>HOUSE CUT (\$000)</u>
FEDERAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	\$42.0	\$17.0	\$25.0
VEHICLES	66.0	66.0	—
MAIL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	74.7	74.7	—
CUSTOMER SERVICE EQUIPMENT	16.4	16.4	—
POSTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	25.9	25.9	—
TOTAL	\$195.0	\$200.0	\$25.0