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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Reducing of Executive Branch Reports to the Congress (U)

REFERENCE: OMB Bulletin No. 81-23, dated July 24, 1981, subject as above (U)

1. I called Keith Hall, CIA/OMB Examiner, this morning to discuss the need for CIA to respond to the Reference. I explained that we had undertaken a complete review in 1978 of our recurring reporting requirements to the Congress in response to a similar OMB Bulletin. I further explained that we advised OMB that our reporting requirements to the Congress were extremely limited and that the reports we did submit served valid Congressional purposes. I indicated that there has been little or no significant change since 1978 in the number or type of reports we submit to Congress. (A/IUO)

2. Keith acknowledged that the intent of the current Bulletin had minimum application to CIA and advised that we need not respond to the reporting requirements. He agreed to so inform the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs that there would be no response from CIA. (A/IUO)

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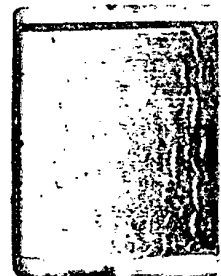
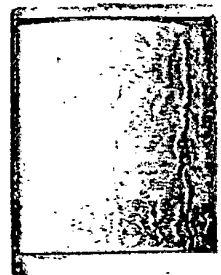
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Gordie:

OLC handled this requirement in 1978 in response to OMB Bulletin 78-16. The response was dated 1 September 1978 (OLC 78-2688/B). As the attached MR indicates, we have taken the liberty of getting the Agency off the hook with OMB for a current review of Congressionally-mandated reports. We assume this meets with your approval. However, if from your vantage point there are political or strategic reasons for formally complying with the current OMB Bulletin 81-23 please let us know.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

BULLETIN NO. 81-23

July 24, 1981

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Reducing Executive Branch Reports to the Congress

1. Purpose: This Bulletin provides instructions for the identification of recurring reports to Congress for potential elimination, consolidation, reduction in frequency, or other modification. This activity is designed to reduce existing reporting requirements upon executive branch agencies and to streamline executive branch communication with the Congress. It is a follow-on to the review process which resulted in P.L. 96-470, the Congressional Reports Elimination Act of 1980.

2. Background: The "Congressional Reports Elimination Act of 1980" (P.L. 96-470) discontinued or modified about 100 recurring reporting requirements to Congress. This was accomplished after a review of over 2,000 congressionally mandated reports by all Federal agencies, OMB, and the General Accounting Office (GAO). The effort resulted in a substantial reduction in the reporting burden on executive branch agencies, with a cost savings estimated by GAO of over \$8 million annually.

Since all agencies continue to work under personnel and budget restrictions and since the number of congressionally mandated reports continues to grow by several hundred per year, OMB believes that developing another legislative proposal in this area is desirable. We therefore request agencies to provide recommendations to eliminate, simplify, or consolidate existing legislatively mandated reports. Agencies should consider all existing recurring requirements to fall within the scope of this exercise, with particular attention to those previously recommended for termination or modification (Attachment 1) but not enacted as part of P.L. 96-470. Suggested criteria for identifying reports for elimination or modification include:

a. Duplication and overlap with other reports (i.e., information provided to Congress by the agency in another form, or information provided by other agencies or the public);

b. Reporting burden and other costs (i.e., cost and reporting burden to the reporting agency and other Federal agencies, or cost and reporting burden of collecting information from outside the Federal Government);

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- c. Original rationale for requiring report (i.e., is this rationale still valid?);
- d. Uses (i.e., use to the reporting agency, and use to Congress in opinion of the agency)

After OMB review of agency recommendations and consultation with the GAO, the Administration will propose an omnibus bill similar to P.L. 96-470. Upon its introduction all Federal agencies will be asked to contact relevant congressional committees to discuss their individual reporting recommendations.

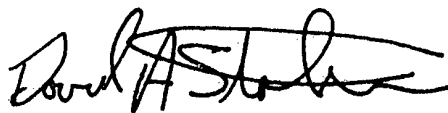
Material Required. Recommendations should be submitted in accordance with the format in Attachment 2 (a sample page from P.L. 96-470). All eliminations should be given Section 100 numbers. All consolidations, reduction in frequency or other modifications should be given Section 200 numbers. In addition, a section by section analysis for each recommendation should also be provided (see Attachment 2, sample page of Section-by-Section Analysis, Report No. 96-1268).

Agencies are requested to provide the principal reason for the recommendation, and to the extent possible, estimates of cost savings associated with each recommendation.

Material should be sent within 40 days of issuance of this Bulletin to the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Attachments. Attached are (1) formats for material required, and (2) a copy of last year's Administration sponsored proposed legislation that identifies those reports recommended for elimination or modification pertaining to your agency.

Notification and Inquiries: Upon receipt of this Bulletin, please notify the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs on 395-6880 to identify the officials in your agency who will be responsible for this review. Inquiries concerning this Bulletin may also be directed to this Office.



David A. Stockman
Director

Attachments

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATION

REPORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SEC. 104. (a) Section 2390(b) of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) Section 5(c) of the Defense Department Overseas Teachers Pay and Personnel Practices Act (20 U.S.C. 903(e); 73 Stat. 214) is repealed.

(c) Section 7 of the Act of March 3, 1899, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes" (33 U.S.C. 549; 30 Stat. 1150), is repealed.

SOURCE: P.L. 96-470

FORMAT FOR SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Reports by the Department of Defense

Section 104 (a) deletes the requirement that the Secretary of Defense submit semiannual reports to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives containing copies of suggestions received from each retiring commissioned officer and each retiring civilian employee above grade GS-12, who was employed in or assigned to military procurement within one year of retirement, concerning methods to improve procurement procedures, and the response of the Department of Defense to each suggestion (10 U.S.C. 2390(b)).

(b) Section 2110(b) allows the Secretary to provide a flight instruction program for members of the Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) as part of logistical support. Striking the sentence deletes the requirement for a report on the flight instruction program (10 U.S.C. 2110(b)). The information in the subject report is duplicated in the Annual Report on Reserve Forces.

(c) This section deletes the requirement for a report on or before the fifteenth day of January in each calendar year to the respective Committees on Post Office and Civil Service of the Senate and House of Representatives by the Secretary of Defense on separated and new teachers in the Overseas Dependent Schools of the Department of Defense (20 U.S.C. 903(e); 73 Stat. 214).

(d) This section deletes the requirement for annual reports to the Congress by the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army stating what deterioration has taken place in connection with any works or river and harbor improvements under his charge, together with an estimate of the cost of rebuilding or repairing such works or removing obstructions, and his recommendations for the discontinuance of appropriations for any river and harbor works which he may deem unworthy of further improvement (33 U.S.C. 549; 30 Stat. 1150).

SOURCE: House Report #961268