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Six of the most brilliant and effective U. S. Government career women, with specialities ranging from cryptology to cancer research, are winners of the fifth annual (1965) Federal Woman's Award.

Seventy candidates were nominated by heads of Federal departments and agencies for this top honor, the only Government-wide award program created exclusively to recognize women's achievements. Winners were selected by a five-member panel of men and women outside Government service.

Outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency of Federal career service, influence on major Government programs, and personal qualities of leadership, judgment, integrity and dedication are the criteria for the award.

"As opportunities open up for women in more and more professional occupations, the achievements of each year's winners are becoming increasingly impressive as proof that women can excel in any field of endeavor," says Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Community Advisory Services and chairman of the awards board.

"We are proud that the Federal Government has led the way in providing opportunity for women to show what they can do, particularly in the higher levels of the career service. With strict adherence in the future to President Johnson's policy of absolute equality of opportunity, more and more talented young women will be able to achieve successful careers in Government."

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The award winners are:

Miss Ann Z. Caracristi, who says she "fell into" code work during World War II, now heads a cryptology division of 1,000 employees at the National Security Agency and has been responsible for directing multi-million-dollar research programs. Her citation is for "exceptional competence in professional management of research and analysis in the fields of mathematics and languages as applied to cryptology."

"There is always room for an archivist," says Dr. Elizabeth B. Drewry, who has proved to be one of the best. Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, New York, she also works closely with the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation. Dr. Drewry was cited for her "outstanding scholarly and administrative achievements in the field of historical archives and records management."

Dr. Dorothy M. Gilford, as Director of the Mathematical Sciences Division of the Office of Naval Research, has initiated new research programs, including an \$18,000,000 one carried out in a dozen countries. She was cited for "outstanding technical and management contributions" and "pioneering extension of mathematical techniques to a variety of scientific programs." Dr. Gilford thinks her field is a good one for women because the scientific community "accepts women -- especially in computer work."

Miss Carol C. Laise, a top woman foreign service officer in the State Department, describes her job as Deputy Director for South Asia as "developing policies and backing up our embassies in that area." Her

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citation expressed it as "brilliant performance and achievements in diplomacy and advancing U. S. foreign policy objectives through international organizations." As former deputy to the U. S. Counselor for Political Affairs in New Delhi, she made such an impact that she was asked to return to that post during the crisis caused by Communist China's attack on India.

Dr. Sarah E. Stewart, with an impressive career in public health service, was cited for "extraordinary accomplishments and discoveries in virology which have changed the course of cancer virus research." Now chief of a cancer research laboratory at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Stewart has won world-wide recognition for her work. "Desire and drive" are the qualities she recommends for success in her field, which she thinks cannot have too many trained people.

"Diligence" is the quality Dr. Penelope H. Thunberg, an international economist at the Central Intelligence Agency, puts at the top of the list in her field. Now Deputy Chief of the International Division, Dr. Thunberg earned a national reputation when she served on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisors. Her award citation was for "her impressive contributions to the production of economic intelligence providing a basis for policy decisions of the U. S. Government."

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