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The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Deputy Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a reply to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee's request for a report on four identical bills to create the "Richard E. Byrd Antarctic Commission Act of 1961." These bills are the same as those introduced in the 85th and 86th Congresses and our reply is the same as given on the previous bills. This report has been cleared with the Bureau of the Budget.

LBK

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

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