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The reasonableness of the increase proposed by the National Reporting Council in daily, ordinary, and extra copy rates paid by Congress to commercial firms for reporting and transcribing Senate and House committee hearings was investigated. Findings/Conclusions: Information of a proprietary nature dealing with the reporting firms' costs of operations and profits is included, possibly prohibiting further release of the report. Recommendations: Some rate increases should be granted, but they should not be as large as those proposed by the National Reporting Council. (Author/SC)

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GAO recommends some rate increases but not as large as those proposed by the Council.



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The Honorable Howard W. Cannon  
Chairman, Committee on Rules and  
Administration  
United States Senate  
The Honorable Frank Thompson, Jr.  
Chairman, Committee on House Administration  
House of Representatives

As requested in your February 17, 1977, letter, this report discusses the reasonableness of proposed rate charges to the Congress for transcripts of proceedings of hearings of Senate and House Committees. It also includes our recommended rates for transcripts prepared by commercial reporting firms.

This report contains information of a proprietary nature dealing with the reporting firms' costs of operations and profits. Further release of it may be prohibited by 18 U.S.C. 1905.

In accordance with discussions with your offices, we did not obtain written comments from the reporting firms about the content of this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther A. Steele".

Comptroller General  
of the United States