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Report to Rep. Lester L. Wolff, Chairman, House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control; by Robert F. Keller, Deputy Comptroller General.

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Organization Concerned: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Congressional Relevance: House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control. Rep. Lester L. Wolff.

Authority: Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255; 87 Stat. 77; 21 U.S.C. 1171).

A survey-based inventory of Federal drug-abuse programs and related activities was compiled. Some agencies, when first questioned, were not aware of legislative drug mandates affecting their agency. Once informed, many did supply program data. Some agencies did not provide all of the requested information on all programs benefiting drug abusers or narcotics addicts. Most of these agencies were within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Agencies with demand reduction programs were not presenting a budget line item for these programs. Many agency responses had minor technical problems, including incomplete legal citations, program names, or obligation data. (RBS)

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December 22, 1977

The Honorable Lester L. Wolff  
Chairman, Select Committee on  
Narcotics Abuse and Control  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of April 6, 1977, you requested our assistance in the development of a summary of Federal narcotics abuse and control programs, to be published by the Select Committee as a part of its Congressional Resource Guide, including program authorization and financial information for fiscal years 1969 and 1976. As agreed to with your representatives, our participation was limited to the development of an inventory of Federal drug abuse programs and related activities based on a survey of selected agencies, tabulation of responses, and submittal to the Committee without detailed verification or conclusions.

An early draft of the inventory was provided to your representatives on August 31, 1977. At that time, we advised them of the following observations based on our work:

- some agencies when first questioned were not aware of legislative drug mandates affecting their agency; once informed and after further research, many did supply program data;
- some agencies did not provide all the requested information on all programs benefitting drug abusers or narcotics addicts; most of these were agencies within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare;
- agencies with demand reduction programs were not presenting a budget line item for these programs, as required by section 404 of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255, 87 Stat. 77, 21 U.S.C. 1171); and
- many agency responses had minor technical problems, including incomplete legal citations, program names, or obligation data.

Your representatives requested that we fill the minor information gaps to the extent practical. They advised us that the Committee would follow-up with those agencies that did not provide all the needed program and financial data.

On November 23, 1977, we delivered a copy of the updated inventory to the Committee representatives. This version reflects the results of our follow-up inquiries and research. This transmittal completes our work in response to your April 6, 1977, request. I hope the information will prove useful to your Committee and other users of the resource guide.

Sincerely yours,

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