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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current <u>estimate</u>	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Federal Bureau of Investigation Immigration and Naturalization	468	-0-	468	-7	461
Service	218	-0-	218	-9	209 ·
Federal Prison System	297		297	-53	244
LEAA	900	-0-	900	-13	887
Drug Enforcement Administration	159	0-	159	-6	153
Legal Activities and General	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				•
Administration	272	-0-	272	-12	260
All Other	-5	-0-		-0-	-5
(Personnel reductions)				<u>(-18)</u> *	
Total	2,309	-0-	2,309	-100	2,209

*Personnel reductions included in suggested reductions for each bureau above.

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SUMMARY OF OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

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(dollars	in	mi	llions)

		Effect on outlay	s in
	<u>1976</u>	1977	<u> 1978 </u>
A. 1977 Planning guidance Adjustments:	xxx		xxx
Current estimate	<u>xxx</u> 2,253	2,309	xxx xxx
B. Suggested program reductions: Operations (non-personnel costs) and New Prison Construction	6	82_	
C. Personnel Reductions			
Total suggested reduction	-6	100	38
Revised 1977 planning guidance and related 1976 amount	2,247	2,209	xxx



<u>1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)</u> Department of Justice (dollars in millions)

Date: <u>8/20/75</u>

<u>/x</u> /	appropriation request			\square	deferral action
\square	other administration action	•	4 - 4		rescission action
\square	substantive legislation		•		other congressional action

	1976		197	77	19	978
•	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:			· · ·			
Current estimate	1,120	1,253	1,178	1,291	XXX	1,244
OMB recommendation	1,097	<u>1,247</u>	<u>1,087</u>	<u>1,209</u>	xxx	1,224
Suggested reduction	-23	-6	-91	-82	XXX	-20

Actions required:

Defer new prison construction planned in 1976 and 1977 and require absorption of cost increases expected throughout the Department in 1977.

Program impact:

Since both Houses of Congress have denied the Administration's request for new prison construction in actions on the 1976 appropriation, deferral of new construction for another year will further delay plans to relieve present prison overcrowding. This program is presently under review. Absorption of cost increases expected in 1977 will require a combination of reductions in nonpersonnel activities (equipment, travel, communications) and selective personnel reductions (in the range of 2-3 percent below 1976).

Other considerations:

These recommendations assume LEAA grant programs will be held constant in 1977 and that the juvenile delinquency program will not be expanded. It is further assumed that actions will be taken to avoid the \$92 million increase added by the Senate to LEAA's 1976 budget. If the increases occur, outlay estimates shown above will increase by \$20M and \$56M in 1976 and 1977 respectively.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current estimate	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Uncontrollable programs					
Unemployment Insurance	16,454	-900	15,554		15,554
Federal Unemployment Benefits	1,130	+670	1,800		1,800
Workers Compensation	374		374		374
All Other	-1		-1		-1
Controllable programs					
Work Incentive program	315		315	- 200	115
Comprehensive Manpower Assistance	2,540	+455	2,995	- 455	2,540
Temporary Employment Assistance	xxx	+2,250	2,250	-1,125	1,125
Emergency Employment Assistance	xxx	XXX	xxx	XXX	XXX
Grants to States for UIS and ES	1,087		1,087		1,087
Occupational Safety and Health	116		116	•	116
All Other	312	x	312	•	312
Employment reduction	xxx		xxx	- 3	-3
Secondary economic effect of					
reductions (uncontrollable programs)				+1,000	+1,000
Total	22,326	2,475	24,801	-783	24,018

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1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

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Summary of Outlay Relactions (Part I)

Department of Labor

(dollars in millions)

Effect on Outlays in:

		1976	19	77	1978
Α.	1977 planning guidance and related 1976 amount	xxx	ı	22,326	Change xxx
	Adjustments:				
	A. Re-estimates of base Unemployment Trust Fund Special Unemployment Assistance		-1,500 +170	:	
	B. Assumed extension of emergency programs* Public service employment Summer youth employment Supplemental UI (weeks 40-65) Special Unemployment Assistance		+2,250 +455 +600 +500	v	
	Subtotal	÷.	2,475		XXX
С	urrent estimate	26,072		24,801	



(dollars in millions)

Effect on Outlays in:

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		19)76	1	977	19	978
							Change
в.	Suggested program reductions:						
	Work incentive program: Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	350 <u>350</u>	0	315 115	-200	315 0	-315
	Public Service Employment:* Current estimate OMB recommendation	2,180 2,180	0	2,250 1,125	-1,125	2,250 0	-2,250
	Suggested reduction		0				_,
	Summer Youth Employment:*						
	Current estimate	455		455		° 455	
	OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	<u>398</u>	-57	0	-455	0	-455
	Employment reduction				-3		-3
	Secondary economic effect of suggested reductions in this		LO R. COK				
	exercise (increased outlays for unemployment benefits)	د. المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع			+1,000		
	Total suggested reduction Revised planning guidance		<u>-57</u> 26,015		-783 24,018		- <u>3,023</u> xxx

* The 1977 planning ceiling includes no allowance for continuation, restructuring, or orderly phasing out of the DOL programs enacted in response to the rapid rise in unemployment, pending receipt of proposals from DOL. Since current assumptions show the unemployment rate exceeding 6.8% through fiscal 1978, it is unrealistic to assume that these programs will be abruptly terminated on the expiration dates now in law. Therefore, for the purposes of this exercise, the 1977 ceiling has been adjusted to show continuation of the present levels in employment programs and of present law in the temporary unemployment compensation programs.

1977 Outlay Reductions

Department of Labor

The table on the preceeding page shows that there are two major controllable programs for which reductions are not proposed.

- Comprehensive Manpower Assistance. The principle programs Α. within this account are Job Corps (175 million), CETA State local programs (2 billion). Job Corps has high unit costs (\$8500/man year) but seeks to serve those with greatest need. Reduction attempts since 1969 have involved intense political counterpressure; a handful of camps at \$3-5 million each might be suggested for closing as poorest performers, but a large effort on cost savings grounds has little likelihood of success; there have been no recent rigorous evaluations but one is planned; CETA programs have only been underway one year. The appropriation level is arbitrary; there is no programmatic rationale available to justify a lower figure. A broad scale evaluation is in process but the nature of the program goals (increased earnings over time) dictates that results will not be available for two years at the earliest.
- B. Grants to States for Unemployment Insurance and Employment Services. A reduction in the ceiling in this area is not feasible. First, the amount included for unemployment insurance services does not cover the added workload that will result from the continuation of the emergency programs. Second, the amount included for employment services is regarded as a low estimate, since it does not take into account House action (and apparent Senate intentions to concur) in increasing this item in FY 1976 by some \$68 million above the President's request.

The "All other" line consists of the salaries and expense accounts for the Department, which would be reduced marginally by the employment reduction.

Reduction in the uncontrollable programs are not proposed because of the recent Presidential proposals to increase Unemployment Insurance benefits outlays. The Special Benefit account pays workers' compensation to Federal employees hurt on the job, as well as to longshore and harbor workers and current "Black Lung" victims for whom no responsible employer can be found. 1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)

WIN

(dollars in millions)

- Date: September 5, 1975
- $\frac{x}{x}$ appropriation request
 - $\overline{/}$ other administration action
 - substantive legislation

/// rescission action
/// other congressional action

deferral action

		1976	1	.977	1978	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	400	350	315	315	xxx	315
OME recommendation	400	350	0	115	xxx	0
Suggested reduction		<u> </u>	315	200	xxx	315
						4

Actions required:

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Legislation required to repeal WIN law.

Program impact:

There is little evidence to date showing that the WIN program has any impact on the movement of AFDC recipients into the labor market. A major study to assess the program's impact in this area is underway. Results will not be available until January 1976. Termination of this program will most likely not cause an increase of employables on welfare. Such action would result in a reduction of somewhat more than 11,000 worker-years in training and public service jobs in 1977, 23,000 in 1978.

Other consideration:

Last year the President rejected termination of the program, as such action would be interpreted as placing undue hardship on families during a time of high unemployment. The President decided in June to alter the WIN program by placing emphasis on work test rather than on training. Legislation effecting such a change has not yet been drafted.

<u>1977 Outlay Reduct.</u> (Part II) Department of Labor Temporary Employment Assistance (Public Service Employment, CETA Title VI)

(dollars in millions)

<u>/x</u> /	appropriation request	<u> </u>	deferral action
	other administration action	<u> </u>	rescission action
/ <u>x</u> /	substantive legislation	<u> </u>	other congressional action

	1976			1977	1978	
	BA Outlays		BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	0	2180	2250	2250	XXX	2250
OMB recommendation	0	2180	1125	1125	xxx	0
Suggested reduction	0	0	1125	1125	XXX	2250

Actions required:

Date: September 5, 1975

No estimate for FY 77 for TEA was included in the planning ceiling to allow Secretary Dunlop maximum flexibility in making his recommendations. For the purposes of this exercise we have increased the '77 ceiling to include a continuation of the '76 program level thru '77. Achieving the proposed phase down requires a new authorization for TEA for FY 77 (and TQ) and an appropriation request.

Program impact:

Phase Title VI enrollments down from peak of about 255,000 to zero by the end of FY 77; the reduction would not effect about 50,000 additional jobs financed from CETA Title II.

Other consideration:

Ability to achieve the reduction depends on continued improvement in the economy. Current Troika assumptions indicate that the unemployment rate will be 7.5% or higher throughout FY 1977, and 6.8% or higher throughout FY 1978. Congressional debate on this program keys heavily on unemployment rate.



<u>1977 Outlay Reductions</u> (Part II) Department of Labor Summer Youth Employment Program

(dollars in millions)

Date: September 5, 1975

 /x/
 appropriation request
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 deferral action

 /x/
 other administration action
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 rescission action

 ///
 substantive legislation
 //
 other congressional action

	19	1975		1976		TQ1977		<u> 1978 </u>	
	BA	Out- lays	BA .	Out- lays	Out- lays	BA	Out- lays	BA	Out- lays
<u>Amount</u> : Current estimate OMB recommendation	455 455	57 57	455 0	455 398	398 0	455 0	455 0	xxx xxx	455 0
Suggested reduction	0	0	455	57	398	455	455	xxx	455

Actions required:

No estimate for FY 77 Summer Youth was included in the planning ceiling to allow Secretary Dunlop maximum flexibility in making his recommendations. For the purpose of this exercise, we have increased the ceiling to reflect continuation in the TQ and in 77 of the 76 level. Achieving this reduction requires taking no action.

Program impact:

840,000 youth do not get Federally subsidized jobs unless States and localities use CETA Title I funds.

Other considerations:

Senator Javits, League of Cities, et al will resist. They have been successful in obtaining a summer appropriation each year. Current Troika assumptions indicate that the unemployment rate will be 7.5% or higher throughout FY 1977, and 6.8% or higher throughout FY 1978. Congressional debate on this program keys heavily on unemployment rate.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current estimate	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Educational exchange	66	-	66	-22	44
International narcotics control	45	-	45	-10	35
Foreign b uil di <mark>ng</mark> s	43	-	43	- 8	35
Salaries and expenses	529		529	-10	519
Allowance for Soviet refugee assistance	-	20	20	_	20
Employment reduction				- 4	-4
All Other Total	451		<u>451</u> 1,154	-54	<u>451</u> 1,100



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SUMMARY OF OUTLAY REDUCTIONS <u>Department of State</u> (dollars in millions)

				Effect on	outlays i	'n		
		1	976	19		1	978	_
Α.	1977 Planning guidance Adjustments: None		xxx		1,134		xxx	
	Soviet refugee amendment		xxx		20			
	Current estimate		$\frac{xxx}{1,222}$		1,154		<u> </u>	—
Β.	Suggested program reductions: Educational exchange: Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction International narcotics control: Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	59 48 30 27	-11	66 44 45 35	-22	71 59 48 41	-12 - 7	
	Foreign buildings: Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction Salaries and expenses: Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	42 42 418 418	-	43 <u>35</u> 529 519	- 8 -10	64 64 574 573	- - 1	
С.	Employment reduction	1	-		- 4		- 4	
Tot	al suggested reduction		14		54		24	
	vised 1977 planning guidance and related 1976 amount		1,208		1,100	, .	xxx	

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<u>1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)</u> Department of State: Educational Exchange (dollars in millions)

Date: September 5, 1975						
/X/ appropriation request in 1977		<u>/_/</u>	erral ac	ction		
// other administration action		<u>/_X</u> / reso	ission	action in 19	976	
// substantive legislation		// othe	er congr	ressional ac	tion	
	BA	1976 Outlays	BA_	977 Outlays	BA BA	978 Outlays
Amount: Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	65 <u>45</u> 20	59 	70 <u>45</u> 25	66 22	XXX XXX XXX	71 59 12

Actions required: Hold 1976-8 program to \$45M (15% below 1975 BA level of \$53M).

<u>Program impact</u>: Because overseas inflation increases program costs by about 10% each year, this cutback would produce effective reductions in program levels of 25% in 1976 and a further 10% in 1977. Would reduce sharply the number of private organizations receiving support monies and curtail planned cultural presentations and educational exchanges. The number and mix of these cuts is impossible to predict.

Other consideration: The State Department would object strongly. The academic community would oppose any such change.



<u>1977 Outlay Relicions (Part II)</u> Department of State: International narcotics control (dollars in millions)

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•		/_/ deferra	l actio	n			
		/XX/ resciss	ion act	ion in 1976			
		\Box other c	ongress	ional action	,	•	•
•	D A	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>			· ·
	DA	Outrays	DA	Outrays	DA	Utitays	
	42 32 10	30 27 3	42 <u>32</u> 10	45 <u>35</u> 10	XXX XXX XXX	. 48 	
			/X) resciss // other c <u>1976</u> <u>BA</u> <u>Outlays</u> 42 30	/X) rescission act // other congress <u>1976</u> <u>BA Outlays</u> <u>BA</u> 42 30 42	<u>1976</u> <u>1977</u> <u>BA Outlays</u> <u>BA Outlays</u> 42 30 42 45	<pre>/XV rescission action in 1976 // other congressional action 1976 1977 197 BA Outlays BA Outlays BA 42 30 42 45 XXX</pre>	<pre>/X// rescission action in 1976 // other congressional action 1976 1977 1978 BA Outlays BA Outlays BA Outlays 42 30 42 45 XXX 48</pre>

Actions required: Hold 1976-8 program to 1975 obligational level of \$32M.

<u>Program impact</u>: In 1976, State planned programs in over 15 foreign countries. Cut would limit activities to the funding of major equipment programs in priority areas, specifically Burma, Mexico and Thailand; and would significantly reduce the U.S. contribution to UN drug control activities.

Program flexibility would be severely curtailed.

Other considerations: A \$10M cutback would be consistent with past Congressional action and expressed concern over the size of this program.

	<u>Recions (Part II)</u> tate: Foreign Buildings rs in millions)
Date: August 21, 1975	
<pre>/X/ appropriation request</pre>	/// deferral action
// other administration action	<pre>// rescission action</pre>
/// substantive legislation	other congressional action
	197619771978BAOutlaysBAOutlaysBAOutlays
Amount: Current estimate GM3 recommendation Suggested reduction	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

Actions required: Defer 1977 acquisitions of office and housing facilities.

<u>Program impact</u>: Would defer for a year purchases of about 25 high priority buildings for use as residences or small offices, mostly in hardship areas. Would allow \$16M construction program to proceed.

Other considerations: Deferral would result in cost increases of 10-20% when properties are purchased a year later. Congressman Wayne Hays, Chairman of Subcommittee overseeing this program, probably would object. Agency administrators would view this reduction as less serious than those proposed for "S&E."

1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II) Department of State: Salaries and Expenses (dollars in millions)

Date: September 5, 1975

<u>/X</u> / appropriation request		<u>/</u> / defe	rral ac	tion		
// other administration action		// resc	ission a	action		
// substantive legislation	// other congressional action					
		976		1977		1978
Amount:	BA	Outlays	BĂ	<u>Outlays</u>	<u>BA</u>	Outlays
Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	429 429 -	418 418 -	543 <u>532</u> 11	529 519 10	$\frac{XXX}{XXX}$	574 <u>573</u> 1

Actions required: Delete \$11M of \$15M in discretionary increases over 1976.

<u>Program impact</u>: Would allow only \$4M to meet critical new discretionary requirements. Would postpone for a year the first increment (\$5M) of passport mechanization project. Whether this would have serious consequences later depends on whether American travel abroad resumes its upward trend.

Other consideration: No political or public reaction likely. Some, but not serious, effect on Foreign morale.

TRANSPORTATION

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Department of Transportation

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS (\$ in millions)

Program	Planning Guidance	Adjustments	Current Estimate	Suggested Reductions	Revised Planning Guidance
Coast Guard	1074		1074		1074
Federal Aviation Administration	2365		2365		2365
Federal Highway Administration	6290	+700	6990		6990
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	160		160		160
Federal Railroad Administration	589		589		589
Urban Mass Transportation Admin.	1800		1800	-225	1575
All Other	-28		-28		-28
Employment Reductions				-5	-5
	12,250	+700	12,950	-230	12,720
Receipt					
Highway Trust Fund (Existing Taxes)	4,900	-	4,900	1,000	5,900
Aviation Trust Fund	1,050	-	1,050		1,050
Freight User Charges	-		-	1,000	1,000
	5,950		5,950	2,000	7,950

Summary of Ouclay Reductions Department of Transportation (Dollars in millions)

			Effect <u>1976</u>	on outla 197	•	1978
Α.	1977 Planning guidance Adjustments for Federal-Aid Highway Program		12 075	12,250 700	12 050	xxx
	Current estimate		12,075		12,950	XXX
в.	Suggested program reductions: Urban Mass Transit Current estimate	1,075		1,800		
	OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	1,075		1,575	-225	-225
с.	Suggested Employment Reductions Total suggested reduction Revised planning guidance		<u> </u>		$\frac{-5}{-230}$ 12,720	- 5 -230
Đ.	Suggested revenue increases: Highway Trust Fund Receipts		Effe	ect on rec	ceipts	
	Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested increase	5,839 <u>5,839</u>		4,900 <u>5,900</u>	1,000	
	Freight User Charges Current estimate	-		_		
•	OMB recommendation Suggested increase			<u>1,000</u>	1,000	1,000
	Total suggested Revenue Increases				2,000	1,000

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<u>1977 Out</u> <u>Reductions</u> Department of Transportation/Urban Mass Transit Administration (dollars in millions)

Date:	August	19,	1975	
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// appropriation request// deferral action// other administration action// rescission action/x/ substantive legislation// other congressional action

	197	6	197	7		1978
	PL	<u>Out</u> lays	PL	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	2,312	1,075	2,700	1,800	xxx	2,400
OMB recommendation	2,312	1,075	2,700	1,575	xxx	2,175
Suggested reduction	-			225	xxx	225

Actions required: Legislation to limit the amount of formula grant funds that can be used for transit operating expenses to 50% of localities' formula grant assistance. (an amendment to the Urban Mass Transportation Act).

<u>Program impact</u>: Preliminary estimates indicate that about 90% of formula grant assistance will be used by localities for operating expenses with the remaining 10% used for capital improvements. This amendment would reduce the level of fast outlaying operating assistance and force cities to use additional formula funds for capital improvements. This would reduce pressures to increase the discretionary capital assistance program (since additional capital improvements would be funded from the formula program).

Other considerations: Would force cities to contribute more operating assistance for transit from their general budget, increase transit fares, or reduce transit service. Would be very difficult to achieve.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS (dollars in millions)

Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current <u>estimate</u>	Suggested reductions	planning guidance
Interest on the Public Debt Revenue Sharing Offsetting Receipts Earned income credit	40,500 6,539 -2,278 -	+6,000	46,500 6,539 -2,278 1,200	-1,000 - -	45,500 6,539 -2,278 1,200
Miscellaneous Permanent (Uncontrollable) Accounts Operating Accounts Total: Other operating accounts Personnel reductions*	1,018 (2,610) 804 1,806	- (+25) +12 +13	1,018 (2,635) 816 1,819	- (-168) -117 - 51	1,018 (2,467) 699 1,768
Total	48,389	+7,225	55,614	-1,168	54,446

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*Personnel reductions also included in previous cutback exercise; cutback holds Treasury to 1976 personnel level.

SUMMARY OF OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (dollars in millions)

				outlays in		
	1	976	19	77	193	78
A. 1977 Planning guidance Adjustments:		xxx		48,389		XXX
Interest on the Public Debt Farned income credit Proposed ATF amendment			+6,000 +1,200 +17			
Congressional changes Reestimates		xxx	-12 +20	+7,225		<u></u>
Current estimate		45,392		55,614		xxx
B. Suggested program reductions: Interest on the public debt Operating (non-personnel costs only) and construction			-1,000	-		
programs			-117		-22	
C. Personnel reductions (in Operating Programs)		1	-51		-51	
Total suggested reduction				-1,168		<u>-73</u>
Revised 1977 planning guidance and related 1976 amount		45,392		54,446		xxx



<u>1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)</u> Department of the Treasury/Operating (nonppersonnel costs only) and Construction Programs (dollars in millions)

Date: <u>September 5, 1975</u>

<u>/X/</u> appropriation request	\square	deferral action				
// other administration action	\square	7 rescission action				
<pre></pre>	\square	other congression	nal actio	n		
	BA	1976 Outlays	<u>193</u> <u>BA</u>	77 Outlays	<u>19</u> <u>BA</u>	78 Outlays
<u>Amount</u> : Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	691 691 -	692 <u>692</u>	804 <u>688</u> -116	816 <u>699</u> -117	xxx <u>xxx</u> xxx	859 <u>837</u> -22

Actions required:

Require Treasury operating programs to function in 1977 with the same amount of outlays provided in 1976 - eliminates program expansion and cost increases anticipated in 1977; defer all new construction planned to begin in 1977 except Law Enforcement Training Center.

Program impact:

The absorption of anticipated cost increases will result in program levels below 1976; Treasury would absorb the cost increases by reducing non-personnel activities (travel, printing, space); some reduction in personnel would probably also occur in a reduction of this magnitude, resulting in fewer audits and investigations in the revenue producing and law enforcement bureaus.

Other consideration:

Treasury will maintain that any reductions in personnel or non-personnel costs will disrupt their revenue collection and law enforcement programs, and would likely result in revenue losses more than offsetting any outlay saving.

1977 Outlay Reductions Interest on the Public Debt (dollars in millions)

	1976		1977		1978	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	37,800	37,800	46,500	46,500	xxx	xxx
OMB recommendation	37,800	37,800	<u>45,500</u>	45,500	xxx	xxx
Suggested reduction			1,000	1,000		

Actions required:

This reduction is consistent with a constrained deficit of \$20 billion in 1977 compared to the current unconstrained deficit of approximately \$50 billion. Increases in the deficit (and consequent borrowing) will reduce the amount of savings that can be achieved.

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ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

	(dollars in millions)				
Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current estimate	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Energy: Nuclear	1025		1025		1025
Non-Nuclear	813		813	-30	783
Defense	1760		1760		1760
Uranium Enrichment	1205	·	1205		1205
Research, safety, and waste management	642	· · ·	642		642
Program support and other	289		289		289
Revenues	- 664		- 664		- 664
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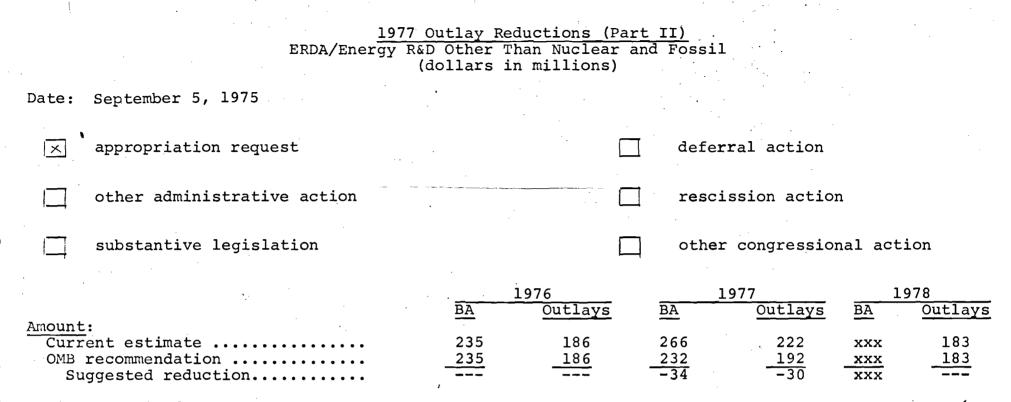
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	(dollars	in millions)		· · · · ·	
		Eff	ect on Outlays	<u>in</u>	
· .		1976	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	
Α.	1977 Planning Guidance		5,070	×xxx	
	Adjustments: Current estimate	xxx		xxx	
в.	Suggested Program Reductions:				
•	Energy - other than nuclear and fossil: Current Estimate OMB Recommendation Suggested reduction	186 <u>186</u>	222 192 -30	183 <u>183</u> 	
	Proposed Federal Alternative Energy Development Tax:	· · ·		· · · ·	
	Suggested Revenue Increase		(4,300)	(4,300)	S.SALD
	Total Suggested Reduction (Receipts would go directly into the Treasury)		-30		
	Revised 1977 Planning Guidance and related 1976 amount	4,059	5,040	xxx	

SUMMARY OF OUTLAY REDUCTIONS ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

In the case of ERDA, no significant reduction is considered possible in its 1977 planning ceiling because of the key importance of its programs to carrying out long-term Administration policies in energy and because the current planning allowance is already probably understated. Therefore, aside from some limited programmatically justifiable reductions in non-nuclear research (other than fossil fuel), as described in the attached material - it is recommended that - in lieu of reduction - a l cent per gallon tax or its equivalent be imposed on all sales of oil and gas. This tax is further described in the attached material.



Actions required:

Reduce growth in ERDA's non-nuclear, non-fossil energy R&D programs (solar, geothermal, advanced energy systems -- primarily Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD)--and conservation--which includes buildings, industrial processes, energy storage, energy transmission, and some energy conversion technology) by \$30M in outlays. Allow minor increase in solar and geothermal associated with on-going projects, no new starts or new initiatives in conservation, and reduce the MHD program.

Program impact:

The overall impact of this reduction is to slow the growth in R&D in the lower impact and less urgent alternative energy sources (e.g., bioconversion, wind energy, etc.). Solar R&D would continue to be restricted to small component work. Geothermal field test experiments would be deferred. Completion dates for MHD component research and initiation of construction of an MHD test facility would be deferred. Completion dates for projects in transportation, energy storage, and transmission/distribution would be deferred. Projects which would move research out of the paper analysis into the benchscale hardware phase (e.g., new storage concepts) would be postponed.

Other considerations:

With the exception of MHD, all of these programs appear to have broad public and congressional support (although support for geothermal R&D is primarily restricted to individuals from western states). The agency and Congress would probably argue that actions recommended here can be interpreted as a failure to support a "balanced" energy R&D program (a balanced program being sometimes defined as one which emphasizes equally the following three sources: nuclear, fossil, and non-nuclear non-fossil alternatives such as solar and conservation). Senator Mansfield has pressured ERDA to build an MHD test facility in Montana at an early date and funds were specifically added to current 1976 amendment for this purpose.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current estimate	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Construction grants	4,100		4,100	-400	3,700
Research and Developme	ent 188		188		188
Abatement and Control	336	————	336		336
Pesticides	(30)		(30)		(30)
Water Planning Grant	ts (68)		(68)		(68)
Drinking Water	(25)		(25)		(25)
State Control Agency Gr	cants (80)		(80)		(80)
Other	(133)		(133)		(133)
Energy, Research and Development	125	••	125		125 ,
Enforcement	48		48		48
Agency and Regional Management	59		59	ана на селото на село На селото на селото н На селото на селото н На селото на селото н	59
All Other	9		9		9
Employment .				- 3	- 3
Total	4,864	·	4,864	-403	4,461

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SUMMARY OF OLLAY REDUCTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (dollars in millions)

Effect on outlays in

N		1976	1977	1978
Α.	- 1977 Planning guidance Adjustments: (None)	XXX	4,864	xxx
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		xxx	. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	xxx
	Current estimate		4,864	xxx
	Suggested program reductions: Construction grants Operating Programs		<u>- 400</u>	<u>- 800</u>
с.	Employment reduction		- 3	- 3
Tota	1 suggested reduction	<u>.</u>	<u>- 403</u>	- <u>803</u>
	sed 1977 planning guidance d related 1976 amount		4,461	xxx
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Attachment B

<u>1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)</u> Environmental Protection Agency Wastewater Treatment Construction Grant Program (dollars in millions)

Date: 9-4-75

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\overline{X} other administration action	/ recission action
/_/ substantive legislation	// other congressional action

	1976	1977	1978
	BA Outlays	BA Outlays	BA Outlays
Amount:		· · · ·	
Current estimate OMB reconnendation Suggested reduction	2,350 2,350	$\frac{4,100}{3,700}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{XXX} & 5,200\\ \text{XXX} & \frac{4,400}{800} \end{array}$

Actions required:

EPA has mounted an intensive campaign to obligate funds in this program as fast as possible. The required action is to advise EPA to shift emphasis from a high obligation rate to a careful review of projects for cost-effectiveness. Though we will be proposing legislative reforms in this grant program, they cannot affect 1977 outlays, even if enacted, because 1977 outlays are determinded largely by grants made in 1976 and program impact:

Main impact will be to improve cost-effectiveness review of projects before approval. This will require more time than is now spent on review and slow down obligations and, in turn, outlays.

Other consideration:

EPA will argue that States will maintain pressure for high obligation rate since they have a time limitation on obligation of their allotments and the unobligated funds are reallotted to other States by the Administrator. The answer to this is that we propose legislation to extend the time limitation.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION 1977 Outlay Reductions

	Planning Guidance	Adjustments	Current Estimate	Suggested Reductions	Revised Planning Guidance
PROGRAM		•			
Real Property Activities	-47	-	-47	••••	-47
Personal Property Activities	153	•	153		153
Automated Data and Tele- communications Activities	7.		7		7
Other Programs	155		155	· ·	155
Deductions for: Stockpile receipts Other receipts	-450 -45	+400	-50 -45	-750 -	-800 -45
Employment reduction	-	-	-	-3	-3
	-227	+400	173	-753	-580

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Summary of Outlay Reductions (Part I) General Services Administration (dollars in millions)

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Date: September 4, 1975

		Effect on outlays in:				
		1976	1977		1978	
Α.	A. 1977 planning guidance	xxx	-2	227	xxx	
	Adjustments: No enactment of stockpile disposal legislation	xxx	+400	xxx		
	Subtotal	xxx	+4	100	xxx	
	Current estimate	14	Γ Γ	173	xxx	
в.	Suggested program reductions:					
	Stockpile Sales Increase	xxx	-750	-430		
с.	Employment Reduction Total suggested reduction Revised 1977 and related 1976 amount planning guidance	xxx <u>xxx</u> 14	s	xxx 7 <u>53 .</u> 580	<u>-430</u> xxx	



1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II) <u>GSA Stockpile Sales</u> (dollars in millions)

Date September 4, 1975

	appropriation request	deferral action
	other administration action	rescission action
X	substantive legislation	other congressional action

	1976		1977		1978	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	-139	-139	-50	-50		-40
OMB recommendation	-139	-139	-800	-800	-	-470
Suggested reduction			-750	-750		-430

Actions required:

Large scale enactment of stockpile disposal legislation.

Program impact:

No significant impact on Federal programs. Could have a downward price impact for certain commodities.

Other considerations:

Because of Congressional resistance to stockpile disposal legislation (Congressman Bennett) and because of DOD opposition, the NSC has issued a NSSM to review stockpile policy guidance, to be completed before the end of September. Completion of this study is a prerequisite to any disposal action.

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current estimate	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Space Shuttle (including related facilities)	1,436	·	1,436	-80	1,336
Space Science and Applications	698		698	77	621
Space and Aeronautical Research and Technology	. 254	 '	254	-13	241
Satellite Tracking	276		276		276
Operation of NASA Installations	951		951	-45	.906
Construction of Facilities (excluding Shuttle Facilities) All other (Including New Start allowance)	41 149		41 149	 -35	41 114
	3,805		3,805	-250	3,555



SUMMARY OF OUTLAY REDUCTIONS National Aeronautics and Space Administration (dollars in millions)

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			Effect on outlays in:	
	, ,	1976	1977	1978
A. 19	977 planning guidance	xxx	3,805	xxx
Ac	ljustments:	xxx		` <u> </u>
	Current estimate	3,498	3,805	xxx
	aggested program reductions: alay Space Shuttle Development		•	
	Current estimate OMB recommendation	1,126 1,090	1,436 1,356	1,395 1,445
	Suggested reduction	-36	-80	+50
Ca	ncel Pioneer-Venus Project		· .	
	Current estimate OMB recommendation	56 15	62	31
	Suggested reduction	-41	-62	-31
El	iminate FY 1977 New Starts			
	Current estimate OMB recommendation		20	77
	Suggested reduction 1/	35.3	-20	-77
Re	duce Institutional Manpower			
	Current estimate	951	951 00c	950
	OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>905</u> 45

<u>1</u>/ The suggested reduction in FY 1977 includes approximately \$10M related to a reduction of 500 positions in NASA's civil service work force.

SUMMARY OF OUTLAY REDUCTIONS (CONT'D.) <u>National Aeronautics and Space Administration</u> (dollars in millions)

	Effect on outlays in:				
	<u>1976</u>	1977	1978		
Reduce Various Research and Development Programs					
Current estimate	1,049	968	812		
OMB recommendation	1,049	<u>925</u>	772		
Suggested reduction		-43	-40		
Total suggested reduction	-77	250			
Revised 1977 planning guidance and related 1976 amount	3,421	3,555	xxx		

1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II) NASA/Space Shuttle and Related Facilities (dollars in millions)

Date: 9/5/75

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	BA	1976 Outlays	BA BA	Outlays	19 <u>BA</u>	078 Outlays
Amount: Current estimate CMB recommendation Suggested reduction	1,261 1,261	1,126 <u>1,090</u> - 36	1,482 <u>1,382</u> - 100	1,436 <u>1,356</u> - 80	XXX XXX XXX	1,395 <u>1,445</u> + 50

Actions required:

Delay initial launch of the reusable space shuttle by 6 months (from 6/79 to 1/80). If this reduction were anticipated for FY 1977, it would be prudent to take early action in FY 1976 because the Shuttle program is continuing to build up in manpower and commitments.

Program impact:

Such a slip would require the entire Shuttle Development program to be reworked including renegotiation of major development contracts (which is inherently costly and increases the difficulty in enforcing accountability for schedules and cost controls throughout the program). It would increase the overall cost of the program by an estimated \$200 million and could also adversely affect NASA's ability to manage the technical, cost, and schedule performance of shuttle contractors (who would be provided an opportunity to negotiate new contractual agreements with the government because of the schedule slippage).



Other considerations:

NASA has in the past argued very adamantly (including direct appeals to the President) that the Space Shuttle should be exempted from major program readjustments undertaken solely for economic reasons (i.e., to constrain the budget). NASA can be expected to argue very strenuously that delaying the Shuttle schedule would be very costly and might cause political problems for the agency (i.e., that a "lack of Administration support" for the Shuttle could result in the program being cancelled by the Congress).

Because of budget constraints, NASA has already reduced and deleted some shuttle development activities to cut program costs. The Shuttle program has been slipped by two years from initial milestones as a result of budgetary decisions in previous years. These delays have already increased overall Shuttle program development costs and have reduced the reserve margin built into the estimate to handle unforeseen development problems. NASA believes that the Shuttle requires a stable funding plan to insure schedule accomplishment and for NASA effectively to manage the program.

It should also be noted that the U.S. will not have a capability to put man in space until the space shuttle flies. The need to provide for a continuing U.S. manned presence in space was a major consideration in the President's decision last fall to continue space shuttle development on its current schedule.

	NASA/Pi	ay Reduction loneer-Venus lars in mill	Mission		•	
Date: <u>9/5/75</u>			,			
// appropriation request			<u>/</u> _/	deferral	action	
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// substantive legislation			<u> </u>	other con	gressional	l action
	197	76	197	7	19	978
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount: Current estimate	66	56	70	62	XXX	31
OME recommendation Suggested reduction	<u>20</u> -46	$\frac{15}{-41}$	-70	-62	XXX XXX	-31

Action required:

Cancel the Pioneer-Venus orbiter/probe missions to explore the atmosphere and surface of the planet Venus in calendar year 1978. This mission was approved in the FY 1975 budget and is already under contract development. In order to maximize savings, the mission should be cancelled as soon as possible.

Program impact:

The Pioneer-Venus mission has been assigned high priority by NASA and the scientific community. Scientists believe that understanding Venus (with a heavy CO₂ atmosphere) may indirectly contribute toward furthering our knowledge of the earth's atmosphere, particularly the results of introducing pollutants into the atmosphere. The cancellation of the program would forego a unique opportunity in 1978. In 1978 Venus will be closer to the earth than during other launch opportunities. This means NASA can send a large spacecraft with minimum size launch vehicle. In the next launch window in 1980 NASA would have to reduce the size of the spacecraft (hence, its scientific payload) or increase the size (and cost) of the launch vehicle.

Other considerations:

Cancellation of the project after it has been approved by the Congress could draw substantial criticism from the Congress (particularly the authorization committees). NASA also believes that such action could bring pressure on the space shuttle because critics would argue that the reductions in space science program, and the specific cancellation of this mission, are the result of NASA (and the Administration) placing too much emphasis on space Shuttle development as compared with other space program objectives.

<u>1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)</u> NASA/New Starts in Space Science and Applications (dollars in millions)

Date:	9/5/75					<u>:</u>		
<u>/^x/</u>	appropriation request			· <u>/</u>	7	deferral action		
\square	other administration action			Ĺ	7	rescission action		
	substantive legislation			Ĺ	\Box	other congressional	action	4
		BA	1976	Outlays	BA	<u>1977</u> Outlays	<u>1978</u>	Outlays
OM	<u>nt</u> : rrent estimate B recommendation Suggested reduction			 	50 _50	20 _20	XXX XXX XXX	77 _77

Action required:

Allow for <u>no</u> new program starts in FY 1977 (i.e., initiation for specific new satellite or research projects). This would amount to a two year deferral of "new starts" since in the FY 1976 Budget, a decision was made that no new program initiatives would be in NASA's FY 1976 budget in order to comply with the President's "no new start" policy for FY 1976.

Program impact:

No new starts in FY 1977 would result in the postponement of potential new missions such as the Solar Maximum Mission to study the sun during maximum Solar flare activity in 1979-80, the Large Space Telescope to study other galaxies in the universe, a planetary mission to Uranus, earth atmospheric experiments, and the development of scientific instruments for the European-developed Spacelab. Because of the nature of space technology, the conduct of R&D activities in space science and applications require periodic initiation of new satellite development efforts to replace satellites that have failed or completed their specific research mission.

Other considerations:

NASA has taken the position that the agency should be allowed to initiate new starts each year in the unmanned satellite programs in order to maintain program balance while the shuttle is being developed. Otherwise, the Administration might be accused by certain members of the Congress (e.g. Senator Proxmire, Senator Moss, Congressman Teague) of developing the shuttle at the expense of advancements in space science and applications. In addition, if no new starts were allowed for several years NASA might be accused of building a space shuttle that will have no scientific and applications payloads to fly.

<u>1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)</u> NASA/Operation of NASA Installations (dollars in millions)

Date:	9/9/75		
<u>/x/</u>	appropriation request		deferral action
<u>/x</u> /	other administration action	<u> </u>	rescission action
<u> </u>	substantive legislation	<u> </u>	other congressional action

	191	76	197	77	1978	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	942	951	951	951	XXX	950
OMB recommendation	942	951	901	906	XXX	905
Suggested reduction			-50	-45	XXX	-45

Actions required:

Reduce overall in-house menpower levels (civil service and support contractor) at NASA Field Center Installations and Headquarters. Would be accomplished by means of reduced authorization and appropriation requests and reduction in end-of-year ceilings for the civil service work force. OMB staff have assumed that a reduction of this magnitude would probably require elimination of about 500 civil service positions, 1,000-1,200 support contractors as well as general belt-tightening in other areas related to the operation of the NASA centers. In order to obtain maximum cost savings in FY 1977, it would be desirable to initiate the reductions during FY 1976.

Program impact:

OMB staff believe that by judicious review of the manpower requirements of each NASA center, the agency can accomplish cost savings of this magnitude without affecting the ability of NASA to carry out its basic overall mission and program objectives including the shuttle. There would, however, be some disruption of activities related to the possible need to conduct reductions in force (RIFs) at the NASA centers. It should be noted that large reductions in NASA's manpower levels have already been achieved since the completion of the Apollo mission (NASA civil service employment has been decreased by about 10,000 positions from its peak level of 35,000 in FY 1966).

Other considerations:

NASA has in the past vigorously defended the need for the large in-house workforces at the ten NASA field installations and may not accept the OMB staff assessment that the outlay reductions projected here are achievable without major impact on various NASA programs. NASA argues that the U.S. should strive to maintain the very substantial technical capabilities built up at the NASA centers during the 1960's. We do not anticipate that any groups outside of NASA who are interested in the space program (i.e., particularly the Congress) would object to these reductions, particularly in the context of the other reductions considered for FY 1977. The reductions proposed in this area are admittedly somewhat arbitrary, but are in the view of OMB staff appropriate in relation to the other programmatic reductions identified in the NASA program.

1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II) NASA/Ongoing Programs in Aeronautics, Science, Applications and Energy (dollars in millions)

Date: <u>9/5/75</u>			•				
// appropriation request			<u>/ x /</u>	deferral action			
/// other administration action			<u>/</u> /	rescission actio	n		
// substantive legislation			<u>/</u> /	other congressional action			
	19	76		1977	1978		
Amount:	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	
Current estimate	999	1,049 .	890	968	XXX	812	
OMB recommendation							
	<u>999</u>	1,049	840	925	XXX	772	
Suggested reduction	<u>999</u> 	<u>1,049</u> 	<u>840</u> -50	<u>925</u> -43	$\frac{XXX}{XXX}$	$\frac{772}{-40}$	

Actions required:

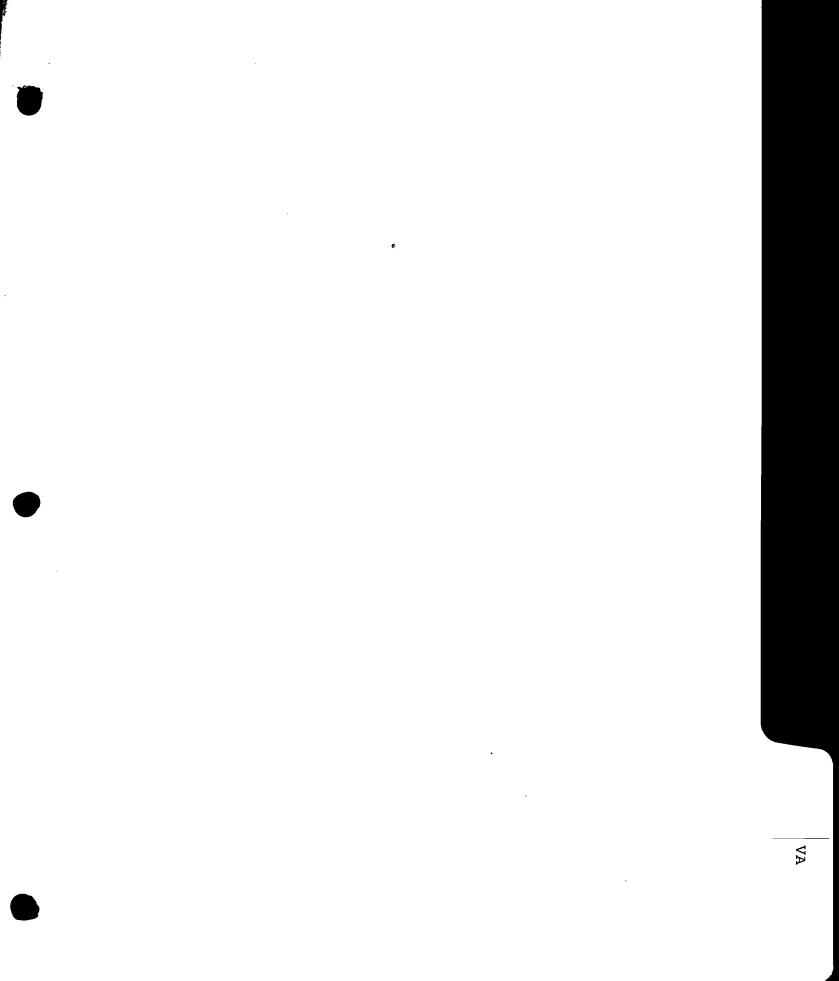
Reduce funding for various ongoing NASA R&D programs. Actions contemplated include: terminating NASA direct funding for energy R&D programs (and relying on ERDA funds); terminating the advanced manned missions program (e.g., space station design studies); reducing activities in technology utilization, aeronautical research and technology, space science and space applications. The principal means for accomplishing these reductions would be reduced authorization and appropriation requests, but it may also be necessary to initiate deferral actions for specific space flight projects whose scheduled launch dates could be affected by the reductions.

Program impact:

Reductions of this magnitude may be possible without adversely affecting the flight schedules for most of the currently-committed NASA satellite projects. The principal programmatic impact would fall upon long-range basic research and technology development activities.

Other considerations:

NASA could be expected to object to the level of these reductions, primarily on the basis that these programs have been subjected to many such reductions during the past six years, thereby endangering the effectiveness of NASA's long-term science and technology development efforts. Some outside pressure in support of these views could be expected from Congress, particularly the authorization committees (Senator Moss, Congressman Teague).



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

Program	Planning <u>Guidance</u>	Adjustments	Current <u>estimate</u>	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance	
Compensation & Pensions	7815	248	8063	360	7703	
Readjustment Benefits	3855	485	4340	485	3855	
Medical Care	3922	130	4052	327	3725	
Construction	260	-	260	10	250	
Other	966	23	989	20	<u> 969</u>	
Total	16,818	886	17,704	1,202	16,502	

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C. Employment outlay reduction (non-add; included in Medical Care---staffing reduction)

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	1	· E		Outlays in 977	19	78
B. Suggested program reductions	•		-			
(cont'd.) Medical Carebeneficiary travel						
Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	3,721 3,721 0		4,052 4,027 25		4,139 <u>4,114</u> 25	;
Construction Current estimate OMB recommendation	184 184		260 250		220 190	
Suggested reduction Medical & Prosthetic Research	0		10		30	
Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	95 95 0		$\frac{100}{\underline{80}}$,
GI Bill Current estimate OMB recommendation	5,310 5,310		4,340 3,855		3,543 3,034	
Suggested reduction Pensions Current estimate	2,929		485		509 2,875	
OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	<u>2,929</u> 0		$\frac{2,624}{275}$		$\frac{2,600}{275}$	
Burial benefits Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	86 86 0		91 6 85		95 <u>6</u> 89	
Total suggested reduction		0		1,202		<u>1,293</u>
Revised 1977 planning guidance and related 1976 amount	ERALD A	18,167		16,502		XXX
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Veterans Administration (dollars in millions)

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A. 1977 Planning guidance Adjustments:	xxx	16,81	8	XXX
1. Non-repeal of GI Bill 2-year eligibility extension		485	509	
2. Non-enactment of health in- surance reimbursement legislation		130	135	
3. Enactment of mandatory legislation, and workload increases in mandatory programs		<u>271</u> 886	<u>271</u> 915	
Current estimate	18,16	7 17,704		xxx
B. Suggested program reductions: Medical Care staffing Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction Medical Care insurance	3,721 <u>3,721</u> 0	4,052 3,880 172	4,139 <u>3,909</u> 230	
reimbursement Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	3,721 <u>3,721</u> 0	4,052 <u>3,922</u> 130	4,139 4,004 135	



1977 Outlay Reduction (Part II) Veterans Administration - Medical Care (dollars in millions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975

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// other administration act	ion	4	/ <u>_</u> / reso	cission actio	on	
// substantive legislation		2	/ _/ othe	er congressio	onal act	ion
		76	197	•	19	
Amount	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	БA	<u>Outlays</u>
Current estimate	3721	3721	4052	4052	xxx	4139
OMB recommendation	3721	3721	3880	3880	XXX	3909

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Actions required:

Suggested reduction

Reduce allowances made in planning numbers for increased workload, program and personnel costs. Eliminate Quality Care allowance which allowed hiring of 3,200 persons in FY 1977, and workload allowance by 200 additional positions.

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<u>Program impact</u>: Arbitrarily reduces spring allowances for workload and program cost increases. Requires VA to absorb increases, which would probably impact on treatment programs. Eliminates Quality Care dollars to hire 3,200 new personnel, and reduces by 200, personnel needed to meet workload increases. Reduces 1977 Medical Care personnel increase from 7,700 to 4,300, which will affect patient care.

Other considerations

Agency and Congress will vehemently oppose reductions. Breaks Administration commitment toward implementing Quality Care Survey-identified deficiencies in VA staffing. Would damage VA morale severely. <u>1977 Outlay Reduction (Part II)</u> Veterans Administration - Medical Care (dollars in millions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975

appropriation request deferral action other administration action rescission action substantive legislation other congressional action 1976 1977 1978 BA Outlavs BA Outlavs BA Outlavs Amount

Current estimate 3721 3721 4052 4052 4139 XXX OMB recommendation..... 3721 3922 3922 4004 3721 XXX Suggested reduction ... $\overline{\mathbf{0}}$ 130 130 135 Ω XXX

Actions required:

Propose legislation to allow reimbursement to VA for treatment rendered to those eligibles covered by insurance programs including workmen's compensation.

Program impact:

No direct impact on delivery of care.

Other consideration:

Legislation has been proposed but not acted upon in previous years, due to lack of interest by Congress. Additionally, not strongly pushed by VA.



1977 Outlay keduction (Part II) Veterans Administration - Medical Care (dollars in millions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975

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 $\overline{7}$ other congressional action

	1976		1977		1978	
Amount	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	3721 <u>3721</u> 0	$ \frac{3721}{3721} 0 $	4052 4027 25	4052 4027 25	$\frac{xxx}{xxx}$	$\frac{4139}{4114}$

Actions required:

Propose that Congress amend Title 38 to eliminate the payment of travel expenses to all but service-connected VA beneficiaries and for emergency ambulance or transfer from one VA facility to another while under treatment. This action could also be taken by the VA Administrator without requiring Congressional action.

Program impact:

Will have no impact upon the provision of medical treatment or on the quality of medical program. Could slightly affect treatment demands on some VA hospitals.

Other consideration: Controversial project. VA patients approximately 60% non-serviceconnected to be treated basically as space available. Travel expenses reimbursement is thus true bonus to them. Program has been poorly administered so that many get travel money who can well afford to pay. Moreover, VA is only agency that pays its beneficiaries travel costs, even for insurance examinations. Neither active duty servicemen nor their dependents are paid for travel in connection with medical treatment or examination. <u>1977 Outlay Reduction (Part II)</u> Veterans Administration - Construction (dollars in miliions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975

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// other administration action	// rescission action					
// substantive legislation			other o	congressiona	l action	n
	1 <u>BA</u>	976 Outlays	19 <u>BA</u>	77 Outlays	19 <u>BA</u>	78 Outlays
Amount Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	$\frac{404}{404}$	$\frac{184}{184}$	$\frac{160}{94}$	260 250 10	$\frac{xxx}{xxx}$	220 <u>190</u> 30

Actions required:

Reduce planning number for Major Construction to zero (0) for FY 1977.

<u>Program impact</u>: No Major Construction in FY 1977 would mean no replacement VA hospital in FY 1977; a reduction from planning decision to build one replacement per year. This will slow down VA efforts to bring hospitals up to modern standards. Impact on patient care difficult to measure. Other improvement projects would be postponed also.

Other consideration:

Congress is especially anxious to have several hospitals replaced and will not like a one-year halt. VA will also oppose.

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Veterans Administration - Medical & Prosthetic Research (dollars in millions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975

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	other administration action		//	rescis	sion action		
	substantive legislation			other	congressional	l actio	n
		19	76		1977	19	78
∆ mount		BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
	_ cent estimate	95	95	100	100	xxx	100
	recommendation	<u>95</u>	95	$\frac{80}{20}$	· <u>80</u>	XXX	100
OMB	cent estimate	BA	Outlays 95	BA	Outlays 100	BA xxx	Outlays 100

Actions required:

Reduce planning number for medical research by \$20.0 M in FY 1977.

<u>Program impact</u>: This is an arbitrary reduction which may affect recruitment and retention of some (no estimate possible) VA clinical medical personnel. Should allow for continuation of ongoing projects but will require VA to reprioritize its research.

Other consideration:

Will be strongly opposed by Congress and VA who justify research for professional recruitment/retention and as critical to medical programs. Some VA research appropriate (e.g., prosthetic, spinal cord injuries, etc.) to veteran illness, but much done which pursued by other groups.

<u>1977 Outlay Reduction (Part II)</u> Veterans Administration - G.I. Bill (dollars in millions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975

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$\frac{7}{x}$ substantive legislation	/	7 other con	ngressio	onal action			
	1976		19	77	1978		
3	BA	Outlays	BA ·	Outlays_	BA	Outlays	
Amount Current estimate OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	5325 <u>5325</u> 0	5310 5310 0	4255 <u>3770</u> -485	4,340 3,855 -485	$\frac{xxx}{xxx}$	3543 <u>3034</u> -509	

Actions required:

Repropose repeal of two-year GI Bill eligibility extension and propose repeal of advance payment and prepayment provisions.

<u>Program impact</u>: Repeal of the two-year eligibility extension (-385 in FY 1976, -469 in FY 1977) would cause 311 thousand veterans not to receive GI Bill benefits in FY 1977, and 379 thousand in FY 1978. Repeal of the advance payment and prepayment provisions would greatly reduce the growing overpayments which now all too often become bad debts. Veterans would be paid after the end of a school-certified month in training, much as the Korean GI Bill operated.

Other consideration: The two-year extension now only affects veterans discharged between 1955 and 1968. Because of the length of time since their separation, these veterans should need much less readjustment assistance than a recently separated veteran. However, Congress has, to date, resisted moving this item. The advance and prepayment procedures originally were the work of Congress. However, with the rapid increase in overpayments, there seems to be a mood to go back to the prior system.

1977 Outlay K .ction (Part II)

Veterans Administration - Pensions

(dollars in millions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975



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	1976		1977		1978	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount Current estimate	2919	2929	2830	2899	xxx	2875
OMB recommendation Suggested reduction	$\frac{2919}{0}$	$\frac{2929}{0}$	<u>2555</u> -275	$\frac{2624}{-275}$	$\frac{xxx}{xxx}$	<u>2600</u> -275

Actions required:

Propose enactment of legislation which would eliminate the spouse's income exlusion from the calculation of a veteran's pension.

Poogram impact:

This action would deliver the program benefits on a more equitable basis, i.e., to the recipients who have the greatest total family financial need. Many thousands of present beneficiaries would either be dropped from the rolls or have their benefits reduced.

Other consideration:

Past attempts in Congress have not been fruitful. There may be more sympathy for this action with the deficit going up, but the effects of inflation on persons with fixed incomes are likely to make this unpopular in Congress.

Veterans Pensions is a veterans welfare program, more comparable to SSI. No contributions have been made and there is no comparison to OASDI. Eligibility is based solely on wartime service, veteran's lack of employability due to physical condition, and need, as determined by other countable income.

<u>1977 Outlay Retion (Part II)</u> Veterans Administration - Burial Benefits (dollars in millions)

Date: Sept. 5, 1975

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	1976		1977		1978	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount						
Current estimate	86	86	91	91	XXX	95
OMB recommendation	86	86	_6	6	` xxx	6_
Suggested reduction	0	0	-85	-85	xxx	-89

Actions required:

Propose enactment of legislation which would provide the VA burial benefit to families of deceased veterans only when and in such amount as was not provided in any other similar purpose payment by the U.S. Government.

<u>Program impact</u>: The VA payment presently is made regardless of inherent family need. Additionally, nearly all veterans are eligible for other Federal financial assistance programs, e.g., more than 90% of all veterans are covered under the Social Security program.

Other consideration: This item has not been provided hearings in Congress. As an example of an expensive, overlapping Federal benefit, however, it might be a good item to emphasize in a deficit reduction program.

Veterans burial benefits are not completely duplicative of social security death payments. The latter payments are made to the surviving spouse regardless of whether the spouse pays for burial, and are not intended specifically as burial insurance. About 55% of social security lump sum death payments are made to the surviving spouse.

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION 1977 OUILAY REDUCTIONS

Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current estimate	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Entitlement Programs	9070	1188	10258	-312	9946
Central Personnel Management	104	-	104	-	104
Intergovernmental Personnel Assistance	15	-	15	-	15
Intrafund offsets	-19	-	-19	: . _	-19
Employment reduction	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9170	1188	10358	-312	10046



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Summary of Outlay Reductions (Part I) <u>Civil Service Commission</u> (dollars in millions)

Date: September 4, 1975

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•	1976	1977	1978			
A. 1977 planning guidance	xxx	9170	xxx			
Adjustments:						
A. No enactment of - Elimination of 1% kicker in retirement annuity indexation	xxx	158	xxx			
No enactment of - B. 5% cap to pay and to cost-of-living annuity escalator in retirement program	xxx	1030	xxx			
Subtotal Current estimate	<u>xxx</u> 8712	<u>1188</u> 10358				
B. Suggested program reductions:						
Entitlement Program, Civil Service Retirement, eliminate 1% kicker	xxx	-158	-339			
Limit cost-of-living increases in retirement programs	xxx	-154	-154			
C. Employment reduction	XXX	xxx	xxx			
Total suggested reduction Revised 1977 and related 1976 amount planning guidance		<u>-312</u> 10046	- ~ 493 			
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1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II) Entitlement - Retirement Fund (dollars in millions)

Date: September 4, 1975

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· · ·	19	1976		1977		78
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	12318	8624	14600	10252		11683
OMB recommendation	12318	8624	14600	10094		11344
Suggested reduction				-158		-339

Actions required:

Legislation to eliminate 1% bonus in annuity indexation effective July 1, 1976 for this entitlement. The bonus is now added to cost-of-living increases to compensate for the time lag between the actual rise in cost-in-living and the effective date of the increase.

Program impact:

Retiree annuity increases will be less due to elimination of 1% bonus which tends to overcompensate retirees over time.

Other consideration:

In view of past Congressional opposition to reductions in employee benefits, Congressional resistance to this proposal is expected.



1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II) Entitlement - Retirement Fund (dollars in millions)

Date: September 4, 1975

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	. 19	1976		1977		78
	BA	Outlays	BA ·	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	12318	8624	14600	10252		11683
OMB recommendation	12318	8624	14600	10098		11529
Suggested reduction				-154		-154

Actions required:

Enact legislation to apply a "limit" to pay and benefit increases by May 31, 1976. The "limit" would be equal to 60% of the increase in the applicable index.

Program impact:

Retiree annuity increases will be less due to elimination of 1% bonus and cap on cost-of-living.

Other consideration:

Government employee unions and beneficiaries will resist the change strongly. In view of past Congressional opposition to "caps", Congressional resistance to this proposal is expected.



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1977 OUTLAY REDUCTIONS (dollars in millions)

Program	Planning guidance	Adjustments	Current estimate	Suggested reductions	Revised planning guidance
Direct Loans	1700	0	1700	390	1310
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Total	1700	0	1700	390	1310

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SUMMARY OF OUTLAY REDUCTIONS

EXPORT-IMPORT (dollars in millions)

	Effec	t on outlays in:	•
	1976	<u> 1977 </u>	1978
A. 1977 Planning guidance Adjustments:	xxx	1700 0	XXX
Current estimate	<u>xxx</u> 1700	1700	xxx xxx
B. Suggested program reductions: Direct loans		390	1170
Total suggested reduction	65	390	<u>1170</u>
Revised 1977 planning guidance and related 1976 amount	1635	1310	xxx

<u>1977 Outlay Reductions (Part II)</u> Export-Import (dollars in millions)

Date: <u>9/6/75</u>

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	1976		1977		197 8	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Amount:						
Current estimate	2,913	1,700	2,900	1,700	XXX	1,700
OMB recommendation	2,890	1,635	2,236	1,310	xxx	530
Suggested reduction	0	65	664	390		1,170

Actions required:

In the second half of 1976 and in 1977, reduce the Exim direct loan authorization level by an amount sufficient to preclude credits to countries that probably could arrange other means of financing, i.e., the industrialized countries and capital-exporting oil producing countries. Also, aircraft export financing would be terminated.

Program impact:

This would reduce Eximbank direct credits by about 22% and total program (including discount loans and guarantees and insurance) by less than 10%. The impact may not be severe since it would conform to the likely outcome of ongoing negotiations to limit international export credit competition. If international negotiations fail, however, the cutback would make it difficult for Eximbank to meet foreign competition.