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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 3435 -- Privacy Protection Study Commission. This bill increases the appropriation authorization for the Commission and removes the fiscal year limitation on its expenditures.

S. 3435, increases the appropriation authorization for the Commission from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 and removes the current fiscal year expenditure limitation of \$750,000 from the Commission's enabling legislation.

The Privacy Protection Study Commission was established in Section 5 of the Privacy Act of 1974 to (1) study the procedures used by data banks and information systems of governmental and private organizations to ensure the protection of personal information and (2) make recommendations to the President and the Congress on the extent to which the Privacy Act should be applied to organizations to which it does not now apply. A total of \$1,000,000 has been appropriated for fiscal year 1976 and the transition quarter for the expenses of the Commission, including \$250,000 in the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1976.

In addition, \$750,000 has been appropriated for 1977.

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