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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration
Title	Select Committee on Government Research
Date [inclusive]	1963-1965
Extent	Amount unknown
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

The federal government was spending approximately \$15 billion annually on research and development, a sum accounting for over 15 percent of the total federal budget. The authorizations and appropriations for the research and development programs had fallen under the jurisdiction of a number of standing committees, which led to the perceived need for an overview of the interrelations of the research and development programs of the various federal departments and agencies. On September 11, 1963, the House authorized a select committee to undertake the task. Carl Elliott of Alabama served as chairman for the committee, which was known as the Select Committee on Government Research.

The committee began its work by establishing working relationships with the 9 federal departments and 12 agencies that conducted research and development. In addition, the committee established a group of specialists from education, industry, and government to serve as a general advisory committee. The committee held hearings from November 1963 to January 1964, at which 55 scientists and administrators testified and 25 others submitted written statements. The committee then prepared studies of 10 specific aspects of the topic, including grants administration, manpower, federal facilities, documentation and dissemination of results, student assistance, program impact, contract policies and procedures, interagency coordination, and national goals and priorities. To accomplish this task, the committee sent questionnaires and forms to the appropriate governmental and nongovernmental entities and established an advisory panel for each of the studies.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

The records are governed by Rule VII(3)b of the House Rules:

(b) (1) A record shall immediately be made available if it was previously made available for public use by the House or a committee or a subcommittee. (2) An investigative record that contains personal data relating to a specific living person (the disclosure of which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), an administrative record relating to personnel, or a record relating to a hearing that was closed under clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI shall be made available if it has been in existence for 50 years. (3) A record for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of the House shall be made available in accordance with that order. Except as otherwise provided by order of the House, a record of a committee for which a time, schedule, or condition for availability is specified by order of

the committee (entered during the Congress in which the record is made or acquired by the committee) shall be made available in accordance with the order of the committee. (4) A record (other than a record referred to in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3)) shall be made available if it has been in existence for 30 years.

Collection Inventory

Select Committee on Government Research 1963-1965

Scope and Contents note

The records of the Select Committee on Government Research include minutes, correspondence, memoranda, papers of the general advisory committee, transcripts of hearings, press releases, and personnel and other administrative records. Also included are computer punch cards and printouts; copies of committee publications; numerous pamphlets regarding commercial and governmental activities; memoranda; correspondence; printed materials; trip reports; and notes relating to committee field trips. Records regarding federal departments and agencies include annual reports and other publications; memoranda of meetings; newspaper clippings; correspondence; prepared statements offered by governmental officials at committee hearings; work papers; and extensive material collected during the various studies undertaken by the committee.