

## APPENDIX "5"

2nd, letter to all gov. Depts. and Agencies

Oct. 17, 1975

Dear

Re: Futures Studies Activities

In my letter to you dated September 23, 1975 regarding science policy, I indicated that I would send you a separate letter accompanied by a questionnaire on the futures research activities of your organization.

If you want to have the background of the present letter, you should refer again to the report that our Committee presented to the Senate on July 10, 1975. You have already received a copy of that document. In addition, a copy of our paper entitled, "Managing the Future: Conference on Anticipatory Institutions" will be sent to you upon request.

As you will see in that report, our interest in futures studies and information goes back to 1972 and has taken a major portion of our time since 1974. You will also note that the leadership role we had assumed in this area, because of the vacuum which then existed, has now been assigned to the Institute for Research on Public Policy. We have therefore decided to maintain our interest in this field but to fulfill a watchdog role. In making a survey of futures studies within the federal government, as part of its broader mandate, the Committee's specific objectives are: