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## INTRODUCTION

It had been recognized for some time that existing records management services were unable to cope with the requirements of the Department. There existed a degree of uncertainty as to the size and scope of the problem and, consequently, the direction in which to look for a solution. As the first steps towards a solution, the Coordinator of Information Systems was appointed in September, 1974. A broadly-defined five-phase plan from the feasibility study to implementation was drawn up, and an agreement was entered into with the Bureau of Management Consulting for the necessary consulting services.

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