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## OSTP APPOINTS DEPUTY FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES

On February 15, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) announced the appointment of a Deputy Director with responsibility for the life sciences and regulatory issues. The new Deputy Director, Dr. Bernadine H. Bulkley, is currently Professor of Medicine and Assistant Dean for Postdoctoral Programs and Faculty Development at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She is also President of the American Federation for Clinical Research. Her background in cardiology and cardiovascular pathology should also give her an understanding of the importance of social and behavioral factors in medicine.

Dr. Bulkley's appointment is particularly welcome because of the long absence of anyone on the OSTP staff with specific responsibility for the life sciences. These include the agricultural, biological, biomedical, and social and behavioral sciences.

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PRESIDENT RESCINDS PROVISIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY DIRECTIVE

President Reagan has announced that he will suspend controversial provisions of National Security Decision Directive 84. The Directive, issued last March, would impose a lifetime prepublication review requirement on government officials who have access to highly classified information. The Directive would also increase the use of polygraph tests, requiring federal employees to submit to these tests during investigations of unauthorized disclosures of classified information. It would create hardships for researchers and academics whose work with the government contributes to their teaching and research. (See the COSSA Washington Update, January 27, 1984, page 2.)

As a result of this recent action, Mr. Reagan hopes to reach a compromise with Congress, which suspended implementation of the provisions until April 15. If the administration and the Congress do not reach a compromise, suggested one White House official, the President could issue the order again.

After hearings held last fall, the House Government Operations Committee recommended that the Security Directive's provisions for expanded polygraph use and prepublication review be rescinded and that Congress pass legislation prohibiting their implementation if the administration did not relent. The Senate has postponed hearings on the Directive until more is known about the implications of the President's recent statements. However, the House Civil Service Subcommittee is going ahead with hearings scheduled for February 29 on a bill introduced by Rep. Jack Brooks (D-TX), the Federal Polygraph Limitation and Anti-Censorship Act of 1984 (H.R. 4681).

GRACE COMMISSION TARGETS ASPE

If the recommendations of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control (the Grace Commission) are fully implemented, funding for policy research in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is likely to be eliminated. The Commission's Task Force Report on HHS recommends that policy research be conducted by each of the four Operating Divisions in HHS and that funding for general policy research under the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) be terminated. The four Operating Divisions are the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), the Public Health Service (PHS), and the Office of Human Development Services (OHDS).

In its \$14.7 million budget request for ASPE in FY 1983, HHS stated that ASPE is "one of the Department's principal sources of policy data and research" and "the only flexible research authority available to the Department for work on emerging and changing issues of national policy significance." However, the Grace Commission Task Force claims that ASPE's functions are redundant, duplicating research being performed in the Operating Divisions.

The Grace Commission's recommendation is felt by informed observers to have influenced the administration's proposal to give only \$8 million to ASPE in FY 1985. In testimony last spring before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies, COSSA took issue with the Grace Commission and argued that ASPE should be maintained in its current form. ASPE is needed to handle cross-divisional research issues, to examine policy alternatives, such as elimination of specific programs, which the Operating Division with responsibility for that program is unlikely to consider, and to evaluate programs in cooperation with the division which administers them. ASPE has also supported long-term research projects on policy issues which cross divisional boundaries, research which Operating Divisions are not likely to undertake.

#### SENATE PASSES BILL TO CREATE OFFICE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

On February 2, the Senate passed the Comprehensive Crime Control Act (S. 1762) establishing a new Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) in the Department of Justice. As laid out in the Senate legislation, the OJA would house not only the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), but also the Bureau of Justice Programs (BJP) and the Bureau of Criminal Justice Facilities (BCJF). NIJ and BJS are agencies concerned with criminal justice research and statistics. The latter two agencies, however, are concerned with law enforcement -- one would provide funds to states and localities for law enforcement assistance and training and the other would provide grants to the states for prisons. An Assistant Attorney General would head the OJA and delegate authority to the Directors of NIJ and BJS. A consolidated Justice Assistance Advisory Board would advise the Assistant Attorney General.

The future of OJA is uncertain. In contrast to the Senate, the House of Representatives has passed legislation keeping research and statistical functions separate from law enforcement functions in the Department of Justice. At this point, the two Houses must meet in a conference committee to resolve the differences between the two bills.

#### BUDGET ANALYSIS CORRECTION

The chart in the COSSA budget analysis showing funding levels for programs in the Division of Behavioral and Neural Sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF) contains two errors. The difference between the FY 1980 and FY 1985 budgets for Social and Developmental Psychology is -18%, not +4%. The percent change in the Memory and Cognitive Processes Program between FY 1980 and Y 1985 is +8%, not +4%. The corrected chart is printed on pages 5 and 6.

BUDGET ANALYSIS ADDITION: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) in the Department of Commerce prepares, develops and interprets the economic accounts of the United States by analyzing data collected by other agencies such as the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Treasury Department. The BEA supports three principal programs:

- 1) The national income and products accounts, summarized by the Gross National Product (GNP), provide an up-to-date overall view of national production.
- 2) The analysis of business trends includes surveys of business investment, econometric models of the U.S. economy, a system of business cycle indicators and analyses of the economic situation.
- 3) International accounts include two types: the balance of payments account, which provides a comprehensive view of economic transactions and foreign countries, and the international investment accounts, which encompass the preparation, development, and analysis of estimates of U.S. direct investment abroad and foreign direct investment in the United States.

The budget for BEA has been increasing slightly each year since FY 1980. The FY 1985 budget request provides an increase of 7%.

<u>Actual</u> <u>FY80</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY81</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY82</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY83</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY84</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>FY85</u>	<u>%Change</u> <u>84-85</u>	<u>%Change</u> <u>80-85</u>
\$16.0	\$17.1	\$18.0	\$19.1	\$21.0	\$22.4	+ 7%	+40%

AAAS ANNOUNCES SOCIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL PRIZE

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has announced that it is accepting applications for its 1984 Socio-Psychological Prize. The \$1000 prize, established in 1952 with funds donated by Arthur F. Bentley, is given annually for a manuscript that increases our understanding of psychological, social, or cultural behavior.

Entries for the competition must be received by September 15, 1984. The winning manuscript will be chosen by a committee of judges appointed by the Executive Officer of AAAS, in consultation with officers of the AAAS Sections on Anthropology, Psychology, and Social, Economic, and Political Sciences. Unpublished manuscripts or manuscripts published after January 1, 1983 are both eligible. The prize will be awarded at the AAAS 1985 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. For entry forms and additional information, contact the AAAS Executive Office, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

## Funding for Selected Directorates and Programs (in million \$)

	<u>Actual FY80</u>	<u>Actual FY81</u>	<u>Actual FY82</u>	<u>Actual FY83</u>	<u>Actual FY84</u>	<u>Proposed FY85</u>	<u>%Change FY84-85</u>	<u>%Change FY80-85</u>
Dir. for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS)	227.0	256.5	272.9	299.7	359.5	416.7	+16	+84
Dir. for Astronomic/Atmospheric Earth & Ocean Sciences (AAEO)	218.1	236.3	240.0	276.2	330.3	373.5	+13	+71
Dir. for Engineering (ENG)	76.6	83.8	93.3	101.1	120.7	147.1	+22	+92
Dir. for Scientific, Technological & International Affairs (STIA)	36.6	36.0	40.3	44.1	40.8	46.9	+15	+28
Dir. for Biological, Behavioral & Social Sciences (BBS)	185.7	185.6	176.0	190.2	224.8	253.1	+13	+36
Social & Behavioral Science Programs in BBS	52.4	43.7	32.3	36.0	42.8	47.2	+10	-10
Social & Behavioral Science as Proportion of Research & Related Activities	5.9%	4.6%	3.3%	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%		
Science & Engineering Education	77.2	64.7	20.9	16.1	88.9	75.7	-15	-2

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (cont.)

Social and Behavioral Science Research Programs in BBS (in million \$):

	<u>Actual FY80</u>	<u>Actual FY81</u>	<u>Actual FY82</u>	<u>Actual FY83</u>	<u>Actual FY84</u>	<u>Proposed FY85</u>	<u>%Change FY84-85</u>	<u>%Change FY80-85</u>
Division of Behavioral and Neural Sciences (selected programs)								
Neuroscience								
Psychobiology	4.5	4.3	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.4	+5	-2
Cognitive Science								
Memory & Cognitive Proc.	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.8	+8	+8
Social & Dev. Psychology (Applied Psychology - absorbed elsewhere)	3.3	2.6	1.5	2.1	2.6	2.7	+4	-18
Linguistics	1.4	1.1	--	--	--	--		
Linguistics	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	+4	-7
Anthropology	6.6	6.0	5.5	5.8	6.4	6.8	+6	+3
Subtotal	21.1	18.6	14.7	16.1	18.2	19.2	+5	-9
Division of Social & Economic Science								
Economics & Geography								
Economics	12.2	9.4	6.3	7.1	9.4	10.25	+9	-16
Geography	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.3	+30	-19
Social Measurement & Analysis								
Sociology	3.9	3.0	2.2	2.4	2.95	3.65	+24	-6
Meas. Meth./Data Resources	5.0	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.4	-6	-32
History/Philosophy of Science	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.35	1.6	+19	+7
Political & Policy Sciences								
Political Science	3.6	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.6	+29	--
Law & Social Sciences	0.9	0.9	1.1*	1.2	1.4	1.7	+21	+89
Regulation & Policy Analysis	2.6	2.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	+18	-50
Decision & Management Sci.			0.5	0.8	1.0	1.2	+20	N/A
Subtotal	31.3	25.1	17.6	19.9	24.6	28.0	+14	-11
TOTAL-Social & Behavioral Science Research Programs	52.4	43.7	32.3	36.0	42.8	47.2	+10	-10

\*In FY 1981, this program was combined with the Law and Policy Program of the Division of Applied Research.

SOURCES OF RESEARCH SUPPORT: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

COSSA provides this information as a service and encourages readers to contact the agency rather than COSSA for more information.

Office of Transportation  
Research and Economic Analysis Division

The Office of Transportation (OT) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture serves as a focal point for transportation issues affecting the rural economy. Created in 1978, OT is primarily a service organization -- helping farmers, transportation firms, exporters, and rural officials with transportation problems. Issues are handled by multidisciplinary teams which may include economists, marketing specialists, statisticians, transportation planners, engineers, and others.

Purpose of Program: The Research and Economic Analysis Division conducts economic analyses and technological research with the goal of improving agricultural transport systems and the rural economy. A broad agricultural transportation data base is maintained. The Office of Transportation studies the impact of new regulations, legislation, and social trends on the movement of rural people and agricultural products.

FY 1984 Budget: \$2.5 million operating budget for OT

Funding mechanisms: OT has no grants program but will fund cooperative research and joint participation projects, provide seed money, or act as liaison in locating funds in other agencies.

Review process: In-house

Disciplines supported: economics, statistics, rural sociology, and many others

Restrictions: Proposals must show the potential for a direct contribution to the current policy concerns and mission of the Office of Transportation.

Deadline for proposals: To be considered for FY 1985 funds, proposals should be submitted by mid-summer.

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". . . original contributions are more likely to come into being if there is available a breadth of knowledge extending into related or even distant branches of knowledge."

-- Beveridge, The Art of Scientific Investigation

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