Mr. Deane C. Davis, Chairman Committee to Study State Government Montpelier, Vermont

Dear Mr. Davis:

The purpose of the attached report is to outline in brief form the suggested State Government activities which would be studied for possible mechanization of Data Processing. Upon conclusion of our study, a final report will be presented.

In the final recommendation, we shall put forth the types, descriptions, and cost of centralized IBM Data Processing Equipment to economically perform suggested applications. Also included will be flow charts describing procedures for the various applications and illustrative material of the information to be derived.

A "building block" approach is virtually mandatory in any mechanization program, especially one of this magnitude. In view of this, an orderly and sequential installation of recommended applications will be outlined.

We sincerely appreciate this opportunity to survey the State Government Operation for IBM Data Processing Systems and feel confident that the final report submitted will show how the State of Vermont may economically utilize our systems.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. George H. Amidon, State Treasurer State Capitol Montpelier, Vermont

Dear Mr. Amidon:

Mechanized data processing systems are presently being utilized by a number of Vermont state departments. Others have indicated interest, but have noted that they currently were unable to justify the expense.

It has been suggested that the State Government consider the establishment of a central tabulating division as is being utilized in several other New England States (Maine, Rhode Island, etc.) and elsewhere. The Commission to Study State Government, has therefore, approved a study which will seek to determine the following:

- 1. The recording, tabulating, and other clerical and statistical activities in the various state departments which might more effectively be performed through the use of data processing equipment.
- 2. The advantage which might be derived from the establishment of a central data processing service.
- 3. Indications of the kinds of information not now available which can be made available, with relative ease, as central tabulating services come into operation.
- 4. The sequence which would be appropriate for a step by step installation of equipment, through which central services to departments would be developed.

- 5. The sequence of accompanying developments within individual departments through which present methods would be converted for use of the central data processing service.
- 6. The probable costs of the initial installation and the increase in cost at each step, with an estimate of the probable cost of complete installation and services.
- 7. Estimate of saving which might be expected to result at the successive break-over points from old to new systems.

Within the next month, a brief study of your operations will be made to assess both needs and possible applications. We sincerely hope that you will aid the surveying personnel with your suggestions.

Sincerely,

Rolf N. B. Haugen Executive Secretary

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VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS TO BE STUDIED RELATIVE TO MECHANIZED DATA PROCESSING

The following list of applications includes those which are presently performed on machine tabulating equipment or which, prior to study, would justify further examination and possible mechanization. The phrase descriptions are, of course, subject to refinement and other possible applications may appear during the course of study.

AUDITOR

- 1. Payroll
- 2. Accounts Payable and Distribution
- 3. Appropriation Accounting
- 4. Cost Accounting

BUILDING COUNCIL

- 1. Plant & Fixed Equipment Records
- 2. Maintenance Program
- 3. Space Use

PERSONNEL

- 1. Individual Personnel Records
- 2. Job Classification Control (Classified Positions)
- 3. Administration of Job Openings & Personnel Selection
- 4. Position Control (All positions)
- 5. Service Rating
- 6. Retirement Administration

PURCHASING

- 1. Purchase Analysis
- 2. Vendor Control File
- 3. Purchase order writing for items with standard nomenclature
- 4. Standardization of purchased items
- 5. Inventory Control

TAX DEPARTMENT

(has key punch - uses Agriculture's Equipment)

- 1. Audit of Tax Returns
- 2. Delinquency Control
- 3. Accounts Receivable
- *4. Statistical Analysis of Tax Returns

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

- 1. Plant and Equipment Accounting
- 2. Maintenance Records
- 3. Space Use

TREASURER

- 1. Payroll Records
- 2. Check Reconciliation
- 3. General Fund Accounting
- 4. Social Security Administration (for municipalities)
- 5. Investments

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

(now has two key punches, a sorter, a tabulator)

- *1. Livestock Testing Records
- *2. Veterinary Fees Payable
- *3. Appropriation Accounting

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

(has test scoring machine located at UVM)

- 1. Accounting Control of grants-in-aid to towns and cities
- 2. Curriculum Statistics
- 3. Teacher-qualification Statistics

FISH & GAME SERVICE

(has one key punch - uses Agriculture's equipment)

- * 1. Appropriation and Expenditure Accounting
 - 2. Licensing
 - 3. Inventory
 - 4. Wildlife Statistics
 - 5. Cost Accounting

FOREST AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

(has key punch - uses Agriculture's equipment)

- *1. Appropriation and Expenditure Accounting
 - 2. Inventory Control
 - 3. Scientific Forestry Control

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(now has key punch, verifier, statistical sorter)

- *1. Communicable disease statistics
- *2. Birth, marriage, and death statistics
- *3. Public health nurse workloads and exposure

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(now has two key punches, sorter, collator, gang punch, tabulator)

- *1. Appropriation and Expenditure Accounting
- *2. Control Section Maintenance Cost
- *3. Labor Distribution
- *4. Equipment and Garage Cost
 - 5. Engineering

INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT

- 1. Appropriation and Expenditure Accounting
- 2. Plant, Equipment, and Material
- 3. Cost Distribution and Control
- 4. Patient-Cross Index
- 5. Rehabilitation Statistics
- 6. Vermont Central Index

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

- 1. Store Inventory Control
- 2. Warehousing Inventory Control
- 3. Purchase Control
- 4. Statistical Reports and Sales Analysis
- 5. Accounts Payable

MOTOR VEHICLE

1. Driver Control Records, if point system were installed

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

- l. Criminal Index Files
- 2. Modus Operandi Files (convictions, etc.)
- 3. Fingerprint Identification

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

- 1. Public Assistance Payments
- 2. Vermont Central Index
- 3. Automatic Computation of Benefits (computer)
- 4. Case Worker Work-Load Analysis
- 5. Compilation of supporting statistics for reporting on Federal Aid Programs

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COMMISSION

(now has three key punches, 1 verifier, 1 tape-to-card punch, 2 sorters, 1 collator, 2 tabulators)

- *1. Employee Wage Earnings Records
- *2. Benefit Payment Records
- *3. Employer Chargeback Control System
- *4. Employer and Industry Experience Rating

VERMONT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- 1. Subscription Label Writing for Vermont Life
- 2. Pro-ration of subscription funds
- 3. Subscription Expiration Reporting
- 4. Appropriation Accounting
- 5. Analysis of Inquiries Received
- 6. Basic Econimic Data

*Denotes operations presently being performed on Data Processing Equipment.

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