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TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY/OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1995	\$8,242,000
Budget estimate, 1996	13,906,000
House allowance	5,000,000
Committee recommendation

The Committee recommends elimination of the Technology Administration's Office of the Under Secretary/Office of Technology Policy. This amount is \$13,906,000 lower than the budget request, \$8,242,000 below fiscal year 1995 funding levels, and \$5,000,000 below the House allowance.

The primary mission of the organizations funded under this account is to coordinate the administration's civilian technology initiative. Considering the program reductions and eliminations made in the Commerce technology programs and the debate over the existence of the Department of Commerce, the Committee believes these unauthorized organizations are no longer necessary and that any necessary management functions can be absorbed into NIST's core programs.