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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

By James R. Malley

Date June 5, 1974

FILE: Pennsylvania State Police

The 1972 Governor's Review of Government Management, Pages 38 through 41, contains information relative to the Pennsylvania State Police. The comments contain a paragraph on the Appraisal of Operations and indicate that the State Police is well staffed with well-trained professionals. The dedication, loyalty, and morale of troopers is impressive. In recent years, it has become a more complex, technologically oriented organization which requires sophisticated managerial techniques. However, opportunities for improvements in document flow, computer operations, records management, and general operating information have been largely ignored. It continues: With the exception of reports and projections prepared by the Fiscal Division, there is no functioning management information system used for future planning.

Seventeen recommendations are set forth for possible changes to be made in the overall operation of the Pennsylvania State Police. Recommendation No. 17 is the following:

Eliminate the Data Net Communications System

This system was used before the establishment of the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network. Since it is now redundant, it should be eliminated for equipment rental savings of \$72,000 per year.

JOHN HOLLER, 511 Finance Building, telephone 787-6026, office of FRANK S. BEAL, Secretary of Administration, Governor's Office, made available a Summary and First Quarter 1974 Report on Savings Achieved and Status of Governor's Review Recommendations. One sheet related specifically to the Pennsylvania State Police, and two additional sheets related to other offices of the Commonwealth.

With regard to Recommendation No. 17, mentioned above, Mr. Holler checked for background data available. He located three letters from the Pennsylvania State Police cancelling the contracts used in renting the equipment referred to for a savings of \$232,000. The quarterly report shows that this matter is a completed

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item - meaning there will be no further savings on this item.

In addition to the three letters mentioned, there was a letter from the State Police showing the results of their preliminary survey as to what they felt might be accomplished on the various items.

Mr. Hollder was requested to furnish copies of this letter and the other three letters mentioned above.

On June 5, 1974, Mr. Hollar advised he had been in touch with his superior, Mr. Beal, who indicated that he should not have furnished any information to a representative of the Committee and that he would not permit copies of the above referred to documents to be made available to the Committee.

If it becomes necessary to obtain this information, an appropriate subpoena can be issued.

All of the documents we desired are now in possession of Mr. Beal. Telephone No. 787-5440.