

Section IV.-Organization and Operations

Created by the Technology Assessment Act of 1972 [86 Stat. 797], OTA is an agency of the legislative branch of the Federal Government (a copy of the Act is found in app. C, p. 116). OTA's primary function is to provide congressional committees with assessments or studies that identify the range of probable positive and negative consequences, social as well as physical, of policy alternatives affecting the uses of technology.

In providing assistance to Congress, OTA is to: identify existing or probable impacts of technology or technological programs; where possible, ascertain cause-and-effect relationships of the applications of technology; identify alternative technological methods of implementing specific actions; identify alternative programs for achieving requisite goals; estimate and compare the impacts of alternative methods and programs; present findings of completed analyses to the appropriate legislative authorities; identify areas where additional research or data collection is required to provide support for assessments; and undertake such additional associated activities as may be necessary.

The act provides for a bipartisan congressional board, a director, and such other employees and consultants as may be necessary to conduct the Office's work. The congressional board is made up of six Senators, appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, and six Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, evenly divided by party. In 1985, Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and Cong. Morris Udall (D-Arizona) served as the Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the board. The two posts alternate between the Senate and House with each Congress. The board members from each House select their respective officer.

The congressional board sets the policies of the Office and is the sole and exclusive body governing OTA. The board appoints the director, who is OTA's chief executive officer and a nonvoting member of the board.

The act also calls for a Technology Assessment Advisory Council composed of 10 public members eminent in scientific, technological, and educational fields, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Director of the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. The advisory council advises the board and the director on such matters as the balance, comprehensiveness, and quality of OTA's work, and OTA's nongovernmental resources.

Requests for OTA assessments may be initiated by:

- the chairman of any standing, special, select, or joint committee of Congress, acting alone, at the request of the ranking minority member, or at the request of a majority of the committee members;

- the OTA board; or
- the OTA Director, in consultation with the board.

The authorization of specific assessment projects and the allocation of funds for their performance is the responsibility of the OTA Board.

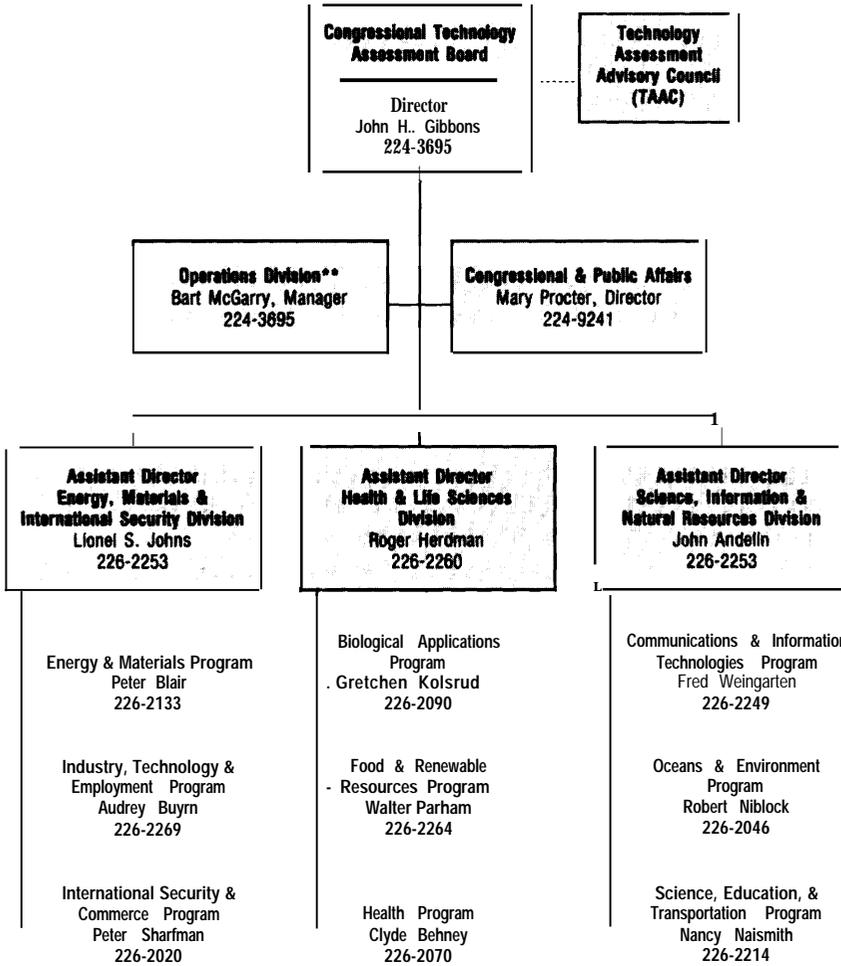
The Office is organized into three operating divisions, each headed by an assistant director. They encompass assessments grouped in the areas of energy and materials; international security and commerce; industry, technology, and employment; biological applications; food and renewable resources; health; communication and information technologies; oceans and environment; and science, education, and transportation. (See chart detailing OTA's organizational structure.)

Staff professionals represent a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds, including the physical, biological, and environmental sciences, engineering, social sciences, law, and public administration. Professionals from executive branch agencies, detailed to OTA on a temporary basis, and participants in several congressional fellowship programs also contribute to the work of the Office.

The private sector is heavily involved in OTA studies as a source of expertise and perspectives. Contractors and consultants are drawn from industry, universities, private research organizations, and public interest groups.

OTA works to ensure that the views of the public are fairly reflected in its assessments. OTA involves the public in many ways—through advisory panels, workshops, and formal and informal public meetings. These interactions provide citizens with access to information and help OTA to remain sensitive to the full array of perspectives, not only of the recognized stakeholders, but also of technically trained and lay persons.

OTA* ORGANIZATION CHART



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● *Operations Division consists of the following units: Administrative Services, Budget and Finance Office, Information Center, Personnel Office, and Publishing Office

OPERATIONS

Publishing Activities

During fiscal year 1985, OTA delivered 45 published documents to Congress. These included: 17 assessment reports, 2 special reports, 2 report supplements, 5 technical memoranda, 1 background paper, 8 health technology case studies, 2 workshop proceedings, and 8 administrative reports.

Requests for OTA Publications

During the period September 30, 1984, through October 1, 1985, OTA's Publishing Office received an average of 87 telephone and mail requests per day. Additional requests were processed by OTA program offices and the OTA Congressional and Public Affairs Office and are not included in the above statistics.

Private Sector Reprinting of OTA Publications

To date, 49 OTA publications have been reprinted (in whole or in part) by commercial publishers or private organizations. Among the reports reprinted during the fiscal year were:

- UNIPUB, Inc. (NY) reprinted the following: *Managing the Nation's Commercial High-Level Radioactive Waste* and *Preventing Illness and Injury in the Workplace*;
- Pergamon Press, Inc. (NY) reprinted the following: *Information Technology R&D: Critical Trends and Issues* and *Federal Policies and the Medical Devices Industry*;
- National Technical Information Service (VA) reprinted *Health Case Study 34: The Cost Effectiveness of Digital Subtraction Angiography in the Diagnosis of Cerebrovascular Disease*.

Sales of Publications

Government Printing Office.—Sales of OTA publications by the Superintendent of Documents continue to increase. In fiscal year 1985 the number of titles on sale was 160 and GPO sold 45,656 copies.

National Technical Information Service.—NTIS sells scientific reports and papers that are, generally, not in great demand but are useful for scientific researchers. NTIS is the outlet for OTA's assessment working papers and contractor reports, plus those reports that are out of print by GPO. During fiscal year 1985, NTIS sold 1,357 copies of OTA reports.

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