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To the Congress of the United States.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section II of Public Law 92-484, I am pleased to submit herewith the annual report of the Office of Technology Assessment.

Although the Office was established by the Technology Assessment Act of 1972, which was approved on October 13, 1972, funds were only recently appropriated for it and, hence, it is just beginning to organize its work. As stated in the Act, the purpose is to equip the Congress "with new and effective means for securing competent, unbiased information concerning the physical, biological, economic, social, and political effects" of technological applications; and to serve as an aid "in the legislative assessment of matters pending before the Congress, particularly in those instances where the Federal Government maybe called upon to consider support for, or management or regulation of, technological applications."

This report is intended to provide the Congress with information on the steps taken thus far by the Office of Technology Assessment, as well as general background information on the development of the Technology Assessment Act.

Sincerely,

EDWARD M. KENNEDY,
Chairman of the Board,
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