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OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT
Washington, D. C., March 15, 1977

To the Congress of the United States:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER: We are pleased to submit, pursuant to section 11 of the Technology Assessment Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-484), the annual report of the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) covering its activities during calendar year 1976.

The Technology Assessment Board is proud of the accomplishments of OTA during its third full year of operation. Ten reports totaling 23 separate volumes were published by the six original program areas. These reports include the culmination of the long-range assessments undertaken by the Office of 1974. They represent substantial progress towards fulfillment of OTA's charge, set out in the Technology Assessment Act, to "provide early indications of the probable beneficial and adverse impacts of the applications of technology."

The Office received 43 new requests for assessments during the report year, bringing the total number of requests received since operations began to 118. These figures demonstrate the confidence Congress has in the ability of the Office to meet its informational needs.

The Board is indebted to OTA Director Emilio Q. Daddario, the members of his staff, and the hundreds of committee members, panelists, and consultants who participated in the work of the Office. We also wish to express the Board's thanks to the Council chairman, Dr. Jerome Wiesner, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the other members of the Technology Assessment Advisory Council for their assistance to the Board.

The Board was under the very able direction of Congressman Olin E. Teague, Chairman, and Senator Clifford P. Case, Vice Chairman, during the 94th Congress. Their leadership in charting productive courses for the Office will serve Congress advantageously in the years to come.

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