

## **APPENDICES**

NOTE: Appendices 1 through 10 are included in this volume of the Commission's report, *A Comprehensive Assessment of Public Information Dissemination, Volume 1*.

Appendices 11 and 12 are in Volume 2, *Legislative and Regulatory Proposals*; it is available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.vol2.pdf>.

Appendices 13 through 34 are in Volume 3, *Supplementary Reference Materials*; it is available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.vol3.pdf>.

Appendix 35 is in Volume 4, *Compilation of Recent Federal Statutes on Information Dissemination*; it is available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.vol4.pdf>.

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Most of the appendices were posted on the Commission website during the course of the study to facilitate public access, review and comment. The appendices, and other files providing background on the assessment, will remain on the Commission website for permanent public availability. The Commission feels that this method of distribution is in keeping with the subject matter of this report, which encourages agencies to ensure the permanent public availability of their electronic government information resources.

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### **APPENDIX 1. LETTER FROM SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN TO NCLIS CHAIRPERSON MARTHA B. GOULD, JUNE 12, 2000**

United States Senate  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Washington, DC 20510-6125

June 12, 2000

The Honorable Martha Gould  
Chairperson  
United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science  
1110 Vermont Avenue, NW

## U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

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Dear Chairperson Gould:<sup>284</sup>

On October 21, 1999, the Commerce Committee held a hearing on the re-organization of the National Technical Information Service. At that hearing, the Committee heard testimony on the need for a formal study on the proposed organizational changes to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) and overall government information dissemination policy.

The Committee would like to request that you undertake a review of the reforms necessary for the federal government's information dissemination practices. At a minimum, this review should include assessments of the need for:

- proposing new or revised laws, rules, regulations, missions, and policies;
- modernizing organization structures and functions so as to reflect greater emphasis on electronic information planning, management, and control capabilities, and the need to consolidate, streamline, and simplify missions and functions to avoid or minimize unnecessary overlap and duplication;
- revoking NTIS self-sufficiency requirement; and
- strengthening other key components of the overall federal information dissemination infrastructure.

You are also requested to provide specific recommendations on the future of NTIS. It is hopeful that these recommendations would be consistent with any overall federal government information dissemination recommendations that you would also provide.

In formulating this review, I ask that you consult with the Federal agencies, the research library communities, the state librarian communities, the user communities, and other relevant public and private sector organizations, as well as individual citizens. I feel that these are key stakeholders in this area and they input will be of great value to the Commission in completing this request.

To facilitate action on this matter during the next Congressional session, I ask that you complete your review and recommendations December 15, 2000. If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact my staff at 202-224-8172.

Sincerely,

/signed/

John McCain  
Chairman

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