

**APPENDIX 2. REPLY FROM NCLIS CHAIRPERSON MARTHA B. GOULD TO
SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN, JUNE 27, 2000**

United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

June 27, 2000

The Honorable John McCain
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6125

Dear Chairman McCain,²⁸⁵

Thank you very much for your June 12, 2000 letter to me asking the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) to undertake a review of the reforms necessary for the federal government's information dissemination practices. You also requested us to provide specific recommendations on the future of NTIS that are consistent with any overall recommendations we provide.

We are honored that your Committee has asked us to make this comprehensive assessment of the government's public information dissemination laws, policies, programs, and practices. We have already learned that several other Senate and House committees are also quite interested in this undertaking. We will endeavor to stay in close touch with the Congress as we proceed, as well as key elements of the Executive Branch including the Department of Commerce, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of Science and Technology.

We shall also coordinate our review closely with the major government information resources agencies and other stakeholder groups, including the National Technical Information Service, the Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office, the Chief Information Officers Council, and various interagency committees, public data user groups, public interest groups, library associations and groups, information and information technology trade associations, and the unions.

We will do our utmost to complete the study by December 15, 2000, as you request.

Sincerely yours,

/signed/

Martha Gould
NCLIS Chair

²⁸⁵ Available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/replymcc.html> and <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.appen2.pdf>.