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ATTACHMENT 3.

REPORT OF FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

USC Faculty Senate Resolution and Policy Statement Concerning
Time-Effort Studies Mandated by Governmental Agencies.

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The faculty of USC joins with other university ~~faculties~~ in endorsing the following resolution passed by the National Academy of Sciences at its business meeting, April 22, 1980:

While supporting the principle of accountability for usage of public funds, NAS views with concern the proposed implementation of OMB revised circular A-21, effective July 1, 1980. Application of these new regulations to institutions of higher learning would further constrain the already limited flexibility in research thrust, increase the administrative burden, reduce morale among teaching and research personnel, and provide a cumbersome, meaningless documentation in terms of percent-of-effort for a continuum of scholarly activities. Moreover, because these regulations would monitor non-federally supported academic functions as well, inappropriate controls might be exercised. We therefore urge reconsideration of regulations embodied in A-21 and we recommend that the Council of the Academy examine this situation so as to propose appropriate ways of achieving accountability.

In taking this action, the faculty of USC strongly urges the Administration of the University to take appropriate measures to obtain suspension by the Office of Management and Budget of its circular A-21 relating to time, effort, workload and activity reports by faculty members.

Until relief from OMB's circular A-21 is obtained, the faculty of USC recognizes the need of the University Administration to furnish information concerning faculty members' performance of their academic duties to federal and state agencies in order to comply with law or mandated guidelines. The faculty further encourages all of its members to provide such information, in so far as they are able, on a voluntary basis. The appropriate source for all such information is the individual faculty member. Faculty members who wish their local academic administrators to compile this information should provide their administrators with signed waivers. After this data is collected by the local unit, it will be forwarded to the university bureau which is responsible for supplying the data to the governmental agency. Copies of this data will be retained by this university bureau and only in local units where such a policy is agreed upon by the voting faculty. No application of this information within the University for any purpose is to be permitted.