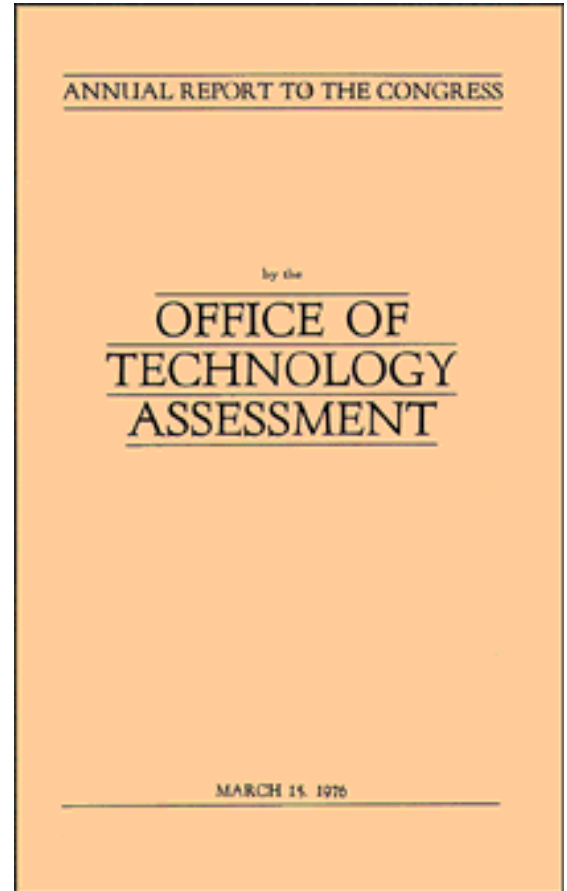


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OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT,

Washington, D. C., March 15, 1976.

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). This report to the Congress covers the activities of the Office during calendar year 1975.

The Technology Assessment Board has been encouraged by the accomplishments of OTA during its second full year of operations. In meeting informational needs of the Congress, OTA called upon the talents of knowledgeable persons from all sectors of society for the planning and performance of multidisciplinary assessments in the priority fields of energy, food, materials, the oceans, health, transportation, and research and development policies and priorities.

The Board is indebted to OTA Director Daddario, the member of his staff, and the hundreds of panelists and consultants who participated in the growing workload of OTA assessments. During 1975, OTA projects addressed over 40 issues raised in 29 Congressional letters of request. By year's end, reports completed or readied for final review responded to 22 requests from Congressional Committees.

On behalf of the Board, we extend thanks to Dr. Harold Brown, President of the California Institute of Technology, for his most able and helpful service as Chairman of the OTA Advisory Council during the first two years of OTA's operations. We also wish to express our pleasure at the election by the Council in January 1976, of Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to succeed Dr. Brown as Council Chairman.

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