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51.1 ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY


Predecessor Agencies:
Committee on Department Methods (Keep Commission. 1905-9)
President’s Commission on Economy and Efficiency (1910-13)
Division of Efficiency, Civil Service Commission (1913-16)
Bureau of Efficiency (1916-33)
Central Bureau of Planning and Statistics (1918-19)
Board of Surveys and Maps of the Federal Government (1919-36)
Federal Board of Surveys and Maps (1936-42)
Bureau of the Budget (BOB, 1921-70)
Central Statistical Boards (1931-40)

Functions: Assists the President in preparing the budget and in formulating fiscal programs. Supervises the administration of the budget. Conducts efficiency reviews of Executive branch organizational structure and management procedures. Assists in clearing legislative proposals from federal agencies, in drafting Executive orders and Presidential proclamations, and in developing regulatory reform programs. Coordinates government activities and advises the President on program progress.

Security-Classified Records: This record group may include material that is security-classified.


51.2 RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT METHODS AND THE PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION ON ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY
1905-13
127 lin. ft.

History: Committee on Department Methods (Keep Commission) appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt, 1905, to investigate and report ways to improve business methods and practices of Executive departments; discontinued, 1909. President’s Commission on Economy and Efficiency appointed by President William Howard Taft under authority of the Civil Appropriations Act (36 Stat. 703), June 25, 1910, to make a comprehensive investigation of the Executive branch; expired, June 30, 1913.


Related Records: Additional Keep Commission records, 1904-8, in RG 95, Records of the Forest Service. Record copies of...
viser to the National Emergency Council, 1933-35; Central Statistical Board-Works Progress Administration Coordinating Committee, and its predecessors (Special Advisory Committee on Statistical Projects of the Civil Works Administration, Coordinator of Civil Works Administration, and Central Statistical Board). 1933-37. Special Committee on Returns Made by the Public to the Federal Government, 1938-39; American Statistical Association Committee on Government Statistics and Information Service, 1933-36; and American Statistical Association Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Labor, 1933-35.

51.8 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET (BOB)
1921-72 (bulk 1921-70)
3,580 lin. ft. and 1 roll of microfilm

History: Established in the Department of the Treasury, under the immediate direction of the President, by an act of June 10, 1921 (42 Stat. 20). Transferred to the Executive Office of the President by Reorganization Plan No. I of 1939, effective July 1, 1939. Assisted the President in formulating government fiscal programs, clearing legislative proposals from federal agencies, and preparing the annual budget. Developed efficiency plans. Coordinated federal statistical services. Advised the President about agency activities. Inherited functions of the President’s Commission on Economy and Efficiency (SEE 51.2), the Bureau of Efficiency (SEE 51.3), and the Central Bureau of Planning and Statistics (SEE 51.4). Acquired functions of abolished Central Statistical Board (SEE 51.7), 1940; Federal Board of Surveys and Maps (SEE 51.5), 1942; and Federal Board of Hospitalization (SEE 51.6), 1948. Abolished, 1970. SEE 51.1.

51.8.1 Records of the Director’s Office


51.8.2 Records of the Legislative Reference Division


51.8.3 Records of the Fiscal Analysis Division and Fiscal Analysis Branch

Textual Records: Records relating to BOB analysis of federal programs on a functional basis, 1939-69, and including files of the Economic Adviser Section, 1952-60.

51.8.4 Records of the Office of Budget Review


51.8.5 Records of the Office of Management and Organization and its predecessors


51.8.6 Records of the Office of Financial Management


Textual Records: Records relating to the financial management improvement program, 1952-68.

51.8.7 Records of the Resources and Civil Works Branch and Division