



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

31 DEC 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Senator Taft/Request for Cost-Benefit Analysis -
LEXIS vs Project FLITE

Attached for your signature is a proposed reply to Senator Taft's letter to you requesting the A76 cost-benefit analysis of Mead Data Central's unsolicited proposal to supply the LEXIS service versus project FLITE.

The letter informs Senator Taft that the Air Force is presently determining whether the study is releasable to Mead Data Central under the Freedom of Information Act and indicates that we are available to brief the Senator on the differences of LEXIS and FLITE.

The proposed reply has been coordinated with appropriate OSD and Air Force offices.

Recommend your signature.

J. W. Plummer
Acting Secretary of the Air Force

Attachment

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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Honorable Robert Taft
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bob,

This is in response to your December 12, 1975 request for the A76 cost-benefit analysis of Mead Data Central's unsolicited proposal to supply the LEXIS computer assisted legal research service. This service would be in lieu of the existing Department of Defense Federal Legal Information Through Electronics (FLITE) program. Previously Mead Data Central requested this report from the Air Force under the Freedom of Information Act and the request was denied.

Mead Data Central has appealed to the Secretary of the Air Force for a review. The Secretary of the Air Force is now in the process of determining whether the requested report or any part thereof is releasable under the Act. The decision must be made by January 7, 1976 and I have instructed the Air Force to inform you of its decision as to the report's releasability. Additionally, Air Force members would be happy to brief you or members of your staff on the FLITE project and how it differs from Mead's LEXIS.

Sincerely,

