STATE OF MONTANA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-76

Executive Order establishing a Data Processing Policy Committee and directing the Department of Administration, with the cooperation of the other departments in the Executive Branch, to prepare a five-year plan for the development of data processing and data communication systems in Montana state government.

WHEREAS, the demand for data processing services by state agencies has grown at a tremendous rate in recent years and is expected to continue to grow in the future.

WHEREAS, more efficient and effective data processing services can be provided to state agencies if duplication is avoided, uniform standards are adopted, and data services are better coordinated.

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me, under section 82-1315, R.C.M. 1947, hereby establish the Data Processing Policy Committee consisting of the following people who shall represent the indicated functional areas of state government:

1. William Blake   Transportation
2. Laury M. Lewis   General Government
3. Michael T. Meldahl   Public Safety
4. Frank R. Smoyer   Human Services
5. Ronald M. Near   Education
6. Martin T. Mangan   Local Government
7. Fletcher E. Newby   Environmental Management

The Committee shall be chaired by Leslie J. Simkins, who shall represent the Office of the Governor.

The functions of the Committee shall be to:

1. coordinate, assist, and set general policy direction in the development of a long-range data processing plan as provided in hereinafter;

2. review alternatives and make recommendations for adoption of data processing policies and, when necessary, administrative or legislative action;

3. serve in an advisory capacity for new concepts in information systems; and

4. make recommendations to resolve problems which may arise in consolidation of data processing services.

I, further, direct the Department of Administration, in accordance with general policy direction established by the Data Processing Policy Committee, and in cooperation with other departments of the executive branch, to develop and annually update a long-range data processing plan for the fiscal years 1977 through 1981.

The plan shall provide for the most effective and efficient utilization and coordination of data processing personnel and facilities, with
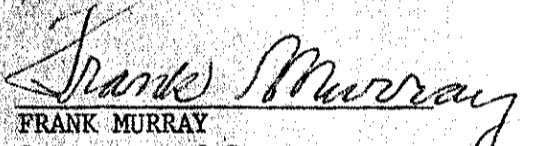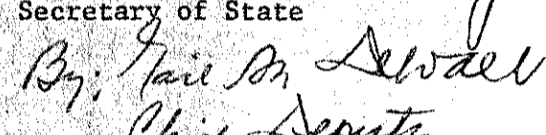
proper consideration being given to the developing technology, the need for collecting, storing, transferring, retrieving, and safeguarding data files and data processing equipment, and the State's future needs for data processing facilities and applications. The Department shall submit the plan to the Office of the Governor by December 31, 1976.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this twenty-third day of June, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

THOMAS L. JUDGE
Governor

ATTEST:

FRANK MURRAY
Secretary of State
By: Gail M. Atwell
Chief Deputy