

not specific enough," the report says. The report shows that information is sometimes classified as "under investigation" or as an "internal communication," to escape disclosure. The report also indicates that the agencies are inconsistent in providing information, and says that materials that were claimed to be exempt in one agency were given freely by another.

The report commends HEW's National Air Pollution Control Administration, calling it an exemplary agency which displayed "the most open position on information access." Nader's group rated the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration (FWPCA) and the Agriculture Department's Pesticide Regulation Division the two agencies least cooperative about providing information. Assistant Secretary Carl Klein in the Interior Department insisted that all interviews on water pollution be conducted in the presence of "monitors," the Nader group said. They call this an "obvious attempt to inhibit the freedom of speech rights of persons interviewed." The report also charges that the water pollution agency withheld unclassified information about sewage from military bases because "DOD is finicky" about releasing figures on total sewage. "Presumably the enemy could . . . rush back to its abacus and calculate the manpower strength of the base," it says. The report also indicates that the FWPCA denied access to copies of research proposals made to, but not accepted by, the water pollution agency. (The group says it wanted this information in order to assess the agency's research priorities to determine why certain proposals were turned down.) The report also charges that the Interior Department has been reluctant to make public a report it has been preparing on the harmful environmental effects of underground mining. The report gives details of similarly uncooperative acts by the Agriculture Department. The most "blatantly uncooperative" action, the group says, was taken by Pesticides Regulation Division director Harry Hays, who ordered general documents that were available to the public removed from the division's library after Nader's students began using them.

"There is little doubt that if government officials display as much imagination and initiative in administering their programs as they do in denying information about them, many national problems now in the grip of

bureaucratic blight might become vulnerable to resolution," the report concludes.

Nader's work is reminiscent of that of the muckrakers in the early part of this century, whose efforts had a decisive impact on public policy. But, unlike most of the early reformers, Nader has not been content simply to be a critic. He has provided an example and a methodology and, in Washington, has himself become a formidable third force operating in behalf of his own clearly defined conception of the public interest.

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APPOINTMENTS



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