THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN SCIENCE

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The range of opportunity in science in this country is so great and the extent to which the government should undertake responsibility in this field involves such complex considerations that it is perhaps rash to undertake a discussion of the problem. Nevertheless, the problem is as important as it is complex and events of the last two years have conspired to focus on it the attention of several organized groups of scientists with the result that some aspects at least of the problem have been somewhat clarified. I will attempt, therefore, to give a brief sketch of the problem of the government's present responsibilities in science, together with some suggestions as to ways in which these responsibilities may profitably be extended as they have been developed through discussions in the Science Advisory Board and in conferences with many other agencies and individuals.

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