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Report To The Congress

OF THE UNITED STATES

Federal Drug Interdiction Efforts Need Strong Central Oversight

Despite increasing resources for drug interdiction, only a small percentage of drugs entering this country are seized. The authority and responsibility for Federal drug interdiction efforts are split among three executive departments (Justice, Treasury, and Transportation), each with different programs, goals, and priorities. The current administration has emphasized joint task forces to improve coordination. Although the establishment of these groups has improved operational coordination, no one individual has the information or responsibility to evaluate Federal drug efforts and recommend corrective actions.

GAO makes recommendations to the President to strengthen central oversight of the Federal drug enforcement program. Also, interdiction efforts can be further enhanced by improving the quality and timeliness of intelligence data and through well planned and coordinated use of military assistance.



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