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GPO'S FEDERAL DIGITAL SYSTEM REACHES 500 MILLION RETRIEVALS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) Federal Digital System (FDsys) has achieved the milestone of 500 million document retrievals. FDsys is a one-stop site for authentic, published information on the three branches of the Federal Government. Retrievals are measured by the number of times content is viewed or downloaded from FDsys. GPO launched FDsys in January 2009 and since that time it has expanded to include 800 thousand searchable titles. Examples of content found on FDsys include: the post-President Kennedy's assassination tape recordings, President Nixon's Watergate grand jury testimony, the Budget of the U.S. Government, the Congressional Record, Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, and congressional bills, hearings, and reports. GPO is continually adding content and working with agencies on new collection opportunities.

Link to FDsys: www.fdsys.gov

"With 97 percent of Government information born digital, FDsys plays a critical role in providing the public with free online access to Government information," said Acting Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks. "A half billion retrievals is a remarkable milestone for FDsys. This is an example of how GPO is serving as the digital information platform for the Federal Government and carrying out its historic mission of *Keeping America Informed*."

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