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**U.S. Agencies Urged
To Free Information
Under Act of 1967**

greatly depended on its faithful execution by government officials and that "the record of the agencies in this regard is far from clear."

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP) —Senator Edward V. Long, Democrat of Missouri, urged all Federal agencies to implement the letter and the spirit of the Freedom-of-Information Act, which became effective last July 4.

The act is designed to prevent the withholding of information from the public except in specifically listed areas, such as records involving national security and invasions of privacy.

Individuals denied access to documents have a right to seek injunctive relief in the courts.

Senator Long, chairman of the Senate Administrative Practice and Procedure subcommittee, said in a statement he was surprised that the news media had not taken greater advantage of the remedies provided by the act.

"I feel certain that if more people were aware of the act, especially newsmen, we would see more demands for information being made on the agencies," he said.

Mr. Long said that a report prepared by the subcommittee was compiled to determine whether Government agencies "were cooperating fully in achieving the public's right to know."

Questionnaires were submitted to a number of agencies on what steps they have taken to carry out the intent of the act.

The report said that the success or failure of the act