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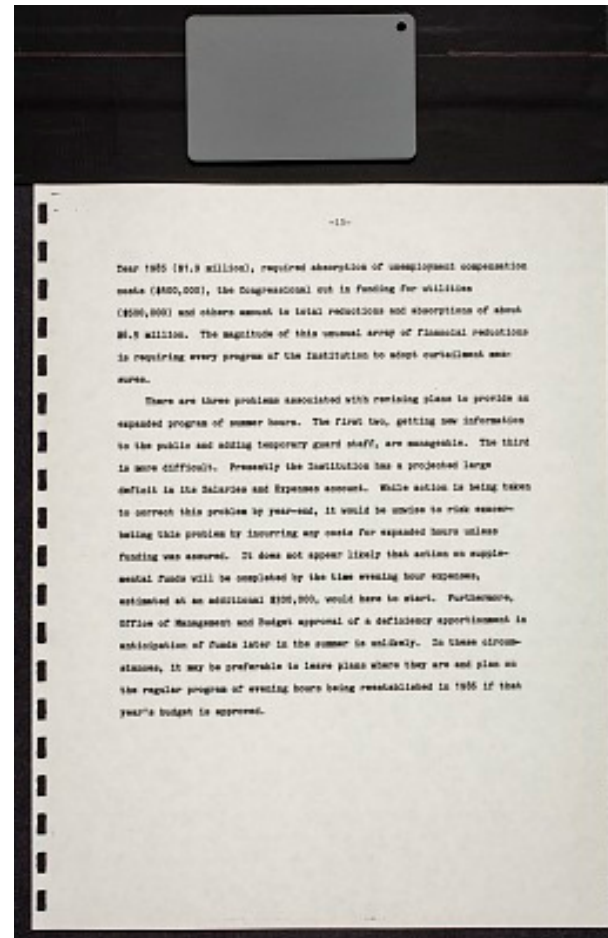
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Year 1985 (\$1.9 million), required absorption of unemployment compensation costs (\$400,000), the Congressional cut in funding for utilities (\$500,000) and others amount to total reductions and absorptions of about \$6.5 million. The magnitude of this unusual array of financial reductions is requiring every program of the Institution to adopt curtailment measures.

There are three problems associated with revising plans to provide an expanded program of summer hours. The first two, getting new information to the public and adding temporary guard staff, are manageable. The third is more difficult. Presently the Institution has a projected large deficit in its Salaries and Expenses account. While action is being taken to correct this problem by year-end, it would be unwise to risk exacerbating this problem by incurring any costs for expanded hours unless funding was assured. It does not appear likely that action on supplemental funds will be completed by the time evening hour expenses, estimated at an additional \$300,000, would have to start. Furthermore, Office of Management and Budget approval of a deficiency apportionment in anticipation of funds later in the summer is unlikely. In these circumstances, it may be preferable to leave plans where they are and plan on the regular program of evening hours being reestablished in 1986 if that year's budget is approved.



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