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Hopkins denies information refused Congressmen.

Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins said today that no requests to the Works Progress Administration for information concerning the status of its projects had been refused either to members of Congress or any one else.

Reports published in a metropolitan newspaper this morning to the effect that such information had been refused because of the cost involved, are erroneous, he said.

"The preparation of these reports on any large scale would involve considerable cost", Mr. Hopkins asserted, "but since we are a public agency, dispensing public funds, our records naturally are open to public scrutiny.

"I am at a loss to explain how the report got abroad that such information had been refused to members of Congress. We are ready and willing at all times to furnish Congress and the general public such information as it may desire concerning our activities.

"Numerous requests for information of this type are received daily. To the best of my knowledge, there has been no complaint over our failure to provide any data available".

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