

## CHAPTER 7. MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS

- 7-1. USER ASSISTANCE. IPS and the MIDs/MSDs are required to provide user assistance only for those applications developed using Departmental standard software packages. Applications using other software packages, or software programmed by or for the user in a programming language (e.g., BASIC, COBOL) will not be supported by IPS unless arrangements for special assistance have been made in advance. Users must demonstrate that the Departmental standard software packages are insufficient to meet needs in order to receive assistance from IPS in developing or supporting the application.
- 7-2. APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT. Information pertaining to the development of microcomputer applications is contained in the Microcomputer Standards Document, handbook 2400.15 .
- 7-3. SOFTWARE COMPILERS. The Department has standardized on one software compiler. In some instances, use of compiled software may be highly advantageous to the Department, for instance in a standard application which requires substantial control over the software used. Due, however, to the possible negative impact software compilers could have on end-user computing and exportability of systems, use of the compiler must be approved by IPS.