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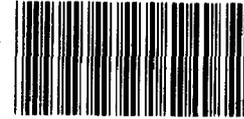
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Mr. Carl Perian
Chief of Staff
Committee on Merchant
Marine and Fisheries
House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Perian:

Subject: Program and Budgetary Information for
Committees' Views and Estimates on President's
Budget for Fiscal Year 1981 (PAD-80-57)

The enclosed report is forwarded for your information and use in preparation of your committee's views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 1981 budget proposals for the House Budget Committee. The General Accounting Office has obtained this data from the executive agencies and prepared it in this form for your use as part of its responsibility under Title VIII of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Specifically, the Comptroller General is required to: (1) develop and maintain standard classifications for fiscal, budgetary and program-related information and (2) assist committees in developing their information needs.

Accordingly, we have attempted to identify all the Federal programs and activities that are within your committee's legislative jurisdiction using available source documents such as the Budget Appendix, agency budget justifications, and legislation and legislative histories. To a large extent this information has been verified by committee representatives and executive agency officials. We want to emphasize that the list of programs and activities in the enclosed document is an effort to display budgetary information at a level of detail most useful for committee review and mark-up. The listing is not a program inventory in its current form although it will be the basis for development of a Federal government-wide program inventory. The budgetary data included in the report was obtained directly from the agencies. Verification by us included comparison with data obtained from the Office of Management and Budget's Budget Information System and the Appendix to the President's 1981 Budget.

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For each program or activity identified, we have displayed the authorizing legislation (public law and U.S. Code citation); the budgetary information (funding authorization, budget authority, obligations and outlays); and the funding expiration date as specified in the legislation. The budget data are provided for fiscal years 1979 (actual), 1980 (estimate) and 1981 (President's budget request). Enclosure I provides a further discussion of this listing.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of your staff in developing this information and hope that it will assist you in the performance of your responsibilities under the Budget Act.

Sincerely yours,

Morton A. Myers
for Harry S. Havens
Director

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