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The 1982 budget provides spending increases for major programs deemed to priorities. Fiscal year 1982 spending will increase by \$76.6 billion, or about 12 percent, net of receipts. Increases in receipts are projected at \$104.3 billion.

Funding for programs, agencies, and budget functions under jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry reflects an increase of about \$7 billion in 1982 outlays, or 30 percent.

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ROGRAM ANALYSIS DIVISION

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The Honorable Jesse Helms Chairman, Committee on Agriculture Nutrition and Forestry United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Subject: Program and Budgetary Information for Committee's Views and Estimates on

President's Budget for Fiscal Year 1982

(PAD-81-55)

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 1982 budget proposals. General Accounting Office has obtained this data from executive agencies and prepared it in this form for your use as part of our 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. We have used available source documents such as the Budget Appendix, agency budget justifications, and authorizing legislation and legislative histories. To a large extent, this information has been verified by your 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 your committee review and markup. 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 1982 Budget.

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 is provided for fiscal years 1980 (actual), 1981 (estimate) and 1982 (President's budget request). Enclosure I provides a further discussion of this listing.

This year we plan to update our file to include President Reagan's budget revisions. This data will be available for programs under your committee's jurisdiction at a later date.

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

Director

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cc: Mr. George S. Dunlop

PROFILE OF COMMITTEE 1982 LAPIS REPORT

Program/activity information is provided for 15 Federal agencies in the legislative and executive branches of Government, and off-budget entities representing a total of 422 records of data. A record may represent a program, an activity, or even an individual project. What is included as a record depends on the committee's expressed information needs, the data available from the agencies, and our perception of the level of detail that should be reported to enable the committees to perform an effective analysis of each agency's plans and activities. Summaries of budgetary data by agency, bureau, function and subfunction follow.