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The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. Chairman, Subcommittee on Appropriations for Departments of State, Commerce, Justice, the Judiciary and Related Agencies
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-81-59)

The enclosed report is forwarded to your staff for information and use in preparation of your committee's views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 1982 budget proposals. The 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.

As requested in the past, we are again providing data for the Departments of State, Commerce, and Justice. 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.

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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,

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cc: Mr. Warren W. Kane