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The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on
Government Operations
United States Senate

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of July 19, 1973, requested us to have an appropriate witness present to offer our views at hearings to be held on Senate Joint Resolution 115 requesting the President to require Federal agencies to use economy cars. These hearings are to be held on September 11, 12, and 13, 1973.

In response to your June 1, 1973, request for our views on this resolution, we furnished you with certain information we believe will be useful in your consideration of the resolution. The information included statistics on the number and type of vehicles owned and leased by the Federal Government, executive branch policies for authorizing certain types of vehicles, and some general comments received from General Services Administration officials in discussing the proposed resolution with them.

We are also initiating an independent survey to identify ways that Federal agencies can conserve fuel in moving men and material. This survey will include consideration of the measures suggested in the resolution.

As our survey is just getting started, we have no special knowledge or information, other than that already furnished, which would provide a basis for offering meaningful views during the hearings. In view of these circumstances, we do not believe testimony by a representative of our Office would be of value to your Committee. We will, however, furnish you the results of our work mentioned above as soon as it is completed.

Sincerely yours,

Comptroller General
of the United States

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