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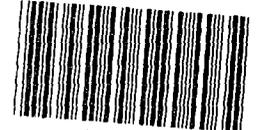
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PROGRAM ANALYSIS  
DIVISION

February 8, 1979

Mr. Robert Dawson,  
Administrator  
Committee on Public Works and  
Transportation  
House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Dawson:

The enclosed computer printout is forwarded for your information and use in preparation of your committee's views and estimates to the House Budget Committee on the fiscal year 1980 budget. The General Accounting Office has prepared this information as part of our efforts to respond to the requirements in Title VIII of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 that the Comptroller General (1) develop and maintain standard classifications for fiscal, budgetary and program-related information and (2) assist committees in developing their information needs.

We have attempted to identify all the Federal programs and activities that are within your committee's jurisdiction using available source documents, such as the Budget Appendix and agency budget justifications, and in consultation with cognizant congressional and executive agency officials. We want to emphasize that the list of programs/activities in the enclosed document is an effort to capture the existing inventory of programs; it is not a "standard classification" of program and budget data. Also, the budget data was obtained directly from the agencies, and except for certain test checks that we performed, we relied on their input as to the accuracy and validity of the data.

For each program or activity identified, we have displayed the program authorizing and funding legislation (public law and U.S. Code citation) and the relevant budgetary information (authorization, budget authority, obligations and outlays). The requisite budget data are provided for fiscal years 1978 (actual), 1979 (estimate) and 1980 (President's budget request). Enclosure 1 provides a further discussion of this listing.

[Congressional Budgetary Update]

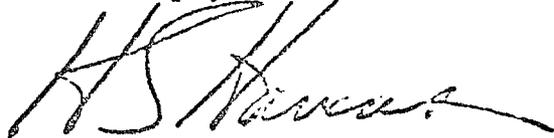
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We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of your staff in our developing this information and hope that it will assist you in the performance of your responsibilities under the Budget Act.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. S. Havens".

Harry S. Havens  
Director

Enclosures - 2

GAO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION, PROGRAM AND BUDGETARY INFORMATION SYSTEM  
SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF DATA FURNISHED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980 BUDGET PROCESS

The Congressional Budget Act established a formal budgetary role for the Congress' authorizing committees. Section 301(c) of the act requires each standing committee to submit to its chamber's Budget Committee, on or before March 15 of each year, the committee's views and estimates on matters within the committee's jurisdiction.

Many authorizing committees initially experienced significant difficulties acquiring and using budgetary information for developing their March 15 views and estimates reports. Consequently, for each of the past 4 years, several committees have asked GAO to assist them in the development of the information needed for these reports. We have fulfilled these requests by developing and updating annually our Legislative Authorization, Program and Budgetary Information System (LAPIS).

The attached computer printout from the LAPIS data base lists the programs and activities that are authorized in law and under your committee's jurisdiction. The following information is provided, where available, for each program or activity.

- Administering agency and bureau, or independent commission.
- Budget function and subfunction.
- Citation of the law that authorizes the program, including the public law name and the relevant title and section of the U.S. Code.
- Name of program, activity, or item.
- Appropriation account number.
- House and Senate authorizing committee jurisdiction.
- Amounts authorized, if specified, and/or narrative description of funding limitations.
- Expiration dates of the legislation or programs (available for most programs in LAPIS).
- Related budget authority, outlays, and obligations for the past, current, and budget years.
- Specialized data, if requested.

The programs and activities in your committee's jurisdiction for the fiscal year 1980 budget cycle are summarized on the following pages. If you have any questions about the data we have provided, agency contacts, or other use of the data, please contact Roger Sperry or John Luke at 275-1907.

OVERVIEW OF COMPUTER PRINTOUT CONTENT

Program/activity information is provided for 31 Federal agencies in the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches of Government, representing a total of 484 records. A record is the basic unit for which a complete set of data is provided. Each record may be a program, an activity, or even an individual project. What are included as records 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 committee to perform an effective analysis of each agency's plans and activities. Below is a summary of the records in our computer printout.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Records</u>
Legislative Branch	
Architect of the Capitol	23
United States Tax Court	1
Other Legislative Branch Agencies	1
Judicial Branch	
Supreme Court of the United States	1
Space and Facilities	1
Executive Office of the President	3
Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environment	
Funds Appropriated to the President	
Appalachian Regional Development Programs	3
Disaster Relief	9
Public Works Acceleration	1
Executive Agencies	
Department of Agriculture	10
Department of Commerce	30
Department of Defense--Civil	92
Department of Energy	9
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	13
Department of Housing and Urban Development	3
Department of Interior	7
Department of Labor	5
Department of State	1
Department of Transportation	154
Department of Treasury	9

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Records</u>
<b>Independent Agencies</b>	
Appalachian Regional Commission	3
Civil Aeronautics Board	9
Environmental Protection Agency	57
Federal Emergency Management Agency	3
Federal Maritime Commission	2
General Services Administration	9
Interstate Commerce Commission	7
National Transportation Safety Board	6
Tennessee Valley Authority	7
Water Resources Council	1
Other Temporary Commissions	2
National Credit Union Administration	1
National Development Bank	1

The functional/subfunctional distribution of the records and their associated budget authority are as shown below.

<u>Function/Subfunction</u>	<u>Number of Records</u>	<u>FY78</u>	<u>FY79</u>	<u>FY80</u>
(in thousands of dollars)				
150	6	\$1,147	\$1,491	\$2,225
151	5	1,147	256	2,025
153	1	0	1,235	200
270	13	128,643	148,144	15,164,392
271	13	128,643	148,144	15,164,392
300	171	8,211,263	8,027,287	3,360,756
301	101	3,116,997	2,878,777	3,307,801
302	2	196,395	234,936	718
303	5	15,039	11,997	13,237
304	63	4,882,832	4,901,577	39,000
350	1	0	0	0
351	1	0	0	0
370	3	37,629	25,680	26,612
376	3	37,629	25,680	26,612
400	175	10,536,447	14,033,459	14,534,304
401	117	7,625,673	10,736,442	11,293,185
402	40	2,804,405	3,184,599	3,128,802
403	4	29,175	31,240	33,475
407	14	77,194	81,178	78,842
450	51	1,569,249	1,375,484	5,116,185
452	38	993,685	1,050,242	4,802,990
453	13	575,564	325,242	313,195

<u>Function/Subfunction</u>	<u>Number of Records</u>	<u>FY78</u>	<u>FY79</u>	<u>FY80</u>
		<u>(in thousands of dollars)</u>		
500	6	\$199	\$400,222	229
504	2	0	400,000	0
505	4	199	222	229
550	13	6,665	10,459	4,372
554	13	6,665	10,459	4,372
750	11	236,905	257,970	294,510
751	7	148,117	158,084	172,925
752	4	88,788	99,886	121,585
800	39	-545,495	-414,459	-494,509
801	24	66,298	112,193	72,900
802	3	2,854	3,026	3,126
803	2	1,500	1,190	0
804	10	-616,147	-530,868	-570,535
850	1	6,134	5,202	5,302
852	1	6,134	5,202	5,302

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

##### New Program

Rural Clean Water Program - GAO record number 06696 The 1980 budget includes a new program directed toward controlling the most critical non-point sources of water pollution in rural areas. This program was authorized by section 35 of P.L. 95-217, the Clean Water Act, and would provide technical and financial assistance to landowners. The 1980 budget provides \$75 million in budget authority and \$7 million in outlays for this new program. This program would be administered by the Soil Conservation Service in the Department of Agriculture.

##### Function/Subfunction and Proposed Organizational Changes

The drought assistance program in the Economic Development Administration has been changed to subfunction 453 - Disaster Relief and Insurance, from subfunction 452 - Area and Regional Development. This reclassification was made because the program is clearly identified as emergency assistance due to drought, and subfunction 453 is therefore a more appropriate classification. This change has been reflected in the attached computer printout.

An organizational change proposed for the Department of Transportation would create a single Surface Transportation Administration and consolidate the functions of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Federal Highway Administration. This reorganization is not reflected in either the 1980 budget or our computer printout.

## Unfunded Authorizations

P.L. 95-599, the Surface Ground Transportation Act, provides broad funding authorization for ground transportation programs. Several programs authorized under other more specific legislation are not funded in 1980. They include:

### Federal Highway Administration programs:

- Bloomington Ferry Bridge
- Access Control Demo Project
- Bypass Highway Demonstration
- Integrated Motorist Information Demonstration
- Carpool/Vanpool
- Highway Safety Demonstration
- Unit train traffic
- National Alcohol Fuel Commission

### National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration programs:

- National Maximum Speed Limit
- School bus driver training
- Innovative project grants

The above listed programs are displayed in our computer printout but without associated budgetary information.

## Agencies Not Reporting Budgetary Information

All agencies under your jurisdiction have reported budget data to us with the exception of the Environmental Protection Agency. The budgetary data associated with this agency's programs/activities will be provided to the committee very shortly after we receive it from EPA.