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The Honorable William French Smith
The Attorney General



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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Subject: Approval of Accounting System Design for the
Department of Justice Property Management
System (AFMD-81-111)

It is my pleasure to approve the Department of Justice Property Management System. The design, submitted formally by the Assistant Attorney General for Administration on September 16, 1981, is adequate and in conformity with the Department's approved accounting principles and standards.

Our evaluation of the automatic data processing aspects of the system design was directed primarily to a determination of the adequacy of the network of internal controls, audit trails, data integrity, and consistency with the property accounting specifications.

To maintain the approved status of the design, any significant changes should be discussed with our representatives and, if necessary, submitted formally for approval.

We suggest that the Department's internal auditors periodically review the system in operation to assure that it is in accordance with the approved design. At some future date we will examine selected aspects of the system and advise you as to whether it is functioning effectively and in accordance with our approval.

Sincerely yours,

MILTON J. SOCOLAR

Comptroller General
of the United States

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