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The Honorable James G. Watt  
The Secretary of the Interior

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Subject: Approval of the Design of the  
National Park Service Accounting  
System (GAO/AFMD-83-18)

It is my pleasure to approve the design for the National Park Service accounting system submitted to us for approval by Mr. Richard R. Hite's letter dated October 8, 1982, as being in conformity in all material respects with the approved accounting principles and standards of the Department of the Interior.

In conducting our evaluation, we looked at the automatic data processing design aspects primarily to determine their adequacy as to internal controls, audit trails, data integrity, and consistency with the accounting specifications.

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

We strongly suggest that the efforts to implement the system be continually reviewed to ensure consistency with the design. Following implementation of the system, we suggest that it be periodically reviewed to assure that it is operating as designed. At some future date, we will examine the system, or selected aspects thereof, and advise you as to whether it is functioning effectively and is in accordance with this design approval.

We commend the Department for developing the design of a modern, automated system. If the system

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is implemented as designed, it will improve the Department's ability to control Park Service operations.

Sincerely yours,

Comptroller General  
of the United States

cc: Mr. Richard Mulberry  
Inspector General

Mr. Richard R. Hite  
Principal Deputy Assistant  
Secretary - Policy, Budget and  
Administration

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