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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of November 8, 1971, you asked the General Accounting Office to assist the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in its study of national fuel and energy policy by obtaining information as to Federal funding and personnel being committed to fuel- and energy-related activities. In response to your request and after consultations with the Director of the National Fuels and Energy Study, we designed a questionnaire for use by the Committee in requesting the desired information from Federal agencies for fiscal years 1972 and 1973.

On January 19, 1972, the questionnaire, including instructions and a pro forma schedule for reply, was sent to the 26 departments and agencies designated by the Committee with a request that the responses be directed to us. We have compiled and analyzed the data contained in the agency responses, and the enclosed schedule provides an overall summary of the identifiable Federal resources committed to fuel- and energy-related activities for fiscal years 1972 and 1973. Three copies of the responses and the supplemental summary schedules we prepared are included in the binders accompanying this report.

In evaluating the information presented, we wish to point out that:

- The funding and personnel figures reported by the various agencies are based on budget requests and backup data for fiscal years 1972 and 1973. Budget data were used because they were a readily available source of information common to all Federal agencies and will enable the furnishing of comparable information in future years.
- When an agency's budget information did not permit separate identification of a fuel- or energy-related activity, the agency was requested to estimate that portion of the activity which pertained to fuel or energy and to describe the basis on which the estimate

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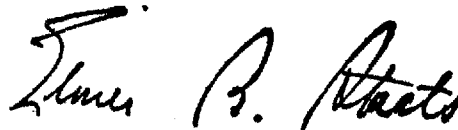
had been made. Where estimates were made, the activity was recorded under the appropriate fuel or energy function; where meaningful estimates were not possible, only the description of the activity was recorded with no funding or personnel figures shown.

- Multipurpose agency activities and those only incidentally related to a fuel or energy function are recorded as partially related to fuel and/or energy.
- All agency activities were recorded by function and category in accordance with the definitions of terms included in the questionnaire. On the basis of activity descriptions furnished by the agencies and our followup contacts with agency officials, we selected what appeared to be the most appropriate function and category for recording each activity reported.

We have examined the information reported by the various agencies for completeness and consistency but did not audit or verify agency supporting documentation. In examining responses, however, it was necessary to contact most of the designated agency energy coordinators to obtain clarification of, or resolve various questions about, the responses submitted and to obtain additional information.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to the Committee in its very important study of national fuel and energy policy and trust that the enclosed information will be useful to the Committee's study.

Sincerely yours,



Comptroller General
of the United States

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The Honorable Henry M. Jackson
Chairman, Committee on Interior
and Insular Affairs
United States Senate

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SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIABLE FEDERAL RESOURCES COMMITTED TO

FUEL- AND ENERGY-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Reporting categories	Obligations		Personnel		Percentage change (1973 v. 1972)	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	Obliga- tions	Person- nel
	(thousands)					
FUEL:						
Planning and projection	\$ 2,170.8	\$ 2,259.6	94	97	+4.1	+3.2
Research and development and technical assistance	744,849.7	759,440.7	3,331	3,320	+2.0	-.3
Regulation and enforcement	60,411.1	77,034.0	3,373	3,429	+27.5	+1.7
Production	247,878.0	247,622.0	97	97	-.1	-
Management of reserves	25,887.0	26,542.0	869	888	+2.5	+2.2
Total	1,081,196.6	1,112,898.3	7,764	7,831	+2.9	-.9
ENERGY:						
Planning and projection	262.6	340.7	4	4	+29.7	-
Research and development and technical assistance	732,447.1	881,417.6	1,743	1,928	+20.3	+10.6
Regulation and enforcement	14,989.1	14,484.6	684	668	-3.4	-2.3
Production, marketing, and transmission	2,261,467.0	2,272,093.0	34,000	33,472	+.5	-1.6
Total	3,009,165.8	3,168,335.9	36,431	36,072	+5.3	-1.0
PARTIALLY RELATED TO:						
Fuel:						
Planning and projection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Research and development and technical assistance	229.0	225.0	-	-	-1.7	-
Regulation and enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	229.0	225.0	-	-	-1.7	-
Energy:						
Planning and projection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Research and development and technical assistance	6,049.0	6,050.0	2	2	-	-
Regulation and enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,049.0	6,050.0	2	2	-	-
Fuel and energy:						
Planning and projection	386.0	680.0	19	20	+76.2	+5.3
Research and development and technical assistance	56,912.7	61,591.1	394	419	+8.2	-6.3
Regulation and enforcement	34,750.2	38,169.8	1,060	1,230	+9.8	+16.0
Total	92,048.9	100,440.9	1,473	1,669	+9.1	+13.3
Total	\$4,188,689.3	\$4,387,950.1	45,670	45,574	+4.8	-.2