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This letter contains information requested by the House and Senate Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies in connection with Appropriations Conference Report 103-733, dated September 20, 1994.

On December 30, 1994, we issued a report on an earlier request, entitled Security Protection: Costs of Services for Selected Cabinet Officials, (GAO/GGD-95-50), that contained the executive security protection costs and other security related information for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs, during fiscal years 1992, 1993, and the first 9

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months of fiscal year 1994. This letter provides the fiscal year 1989 to 1991 costs at the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Labor.

SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

We asked the three departments to provide information on the costs of providing executive security protection during fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991, including salaries and overtime, travel, special executive protection training, and any other related expenses, such as security improvements made to officials' residences. We asked the departments to provide costs in these categories, based on records of actual costs or estimates if the actual cost data were not maintained. Departments that did not employ full-time security personnel furnished pro-rated portions of security agents' salaries based on timekeeping records or estimates of the amount of time spent on protection. Travel expenses included per diem and transportation expenses incurred by security personnel while protecting officials on travel. Training costs included tuition and related travel expenses for specialized, executive protection courses. We did not verify the accuracy of the cost information provided.

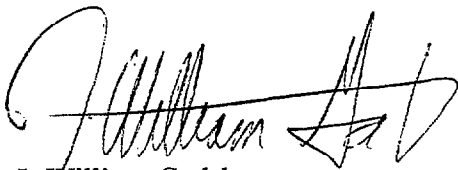
As we did with our December 1994 report on security protection for cabinet secretaries, we have not specifically associated the names of the departments with the costs they incurred. Security officials were concerned that public disclosure of the level of protection provided at individual departments could endanger the officials. We will provide the names of the departments to the subcommittees orally.

COSTS OF PROVIDING PROTECTION

The costs of executive security protection for the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Labor during fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991 are shown in appendix I.

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COSTS OF PROVIDING PROTECTION

The costs of executive security protection for the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Labor during fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991 are shown in tables I.1, I.2, and I.3, respectively.

Table I.1: Costs of Executive Security Protection at 3 Departments During Fiscal Year 1989

Category of security costs	Department A	Department B	Department C
Personnel	\$61,374 ^a	\$74,916	\$234,719
Travel	11,580	64,154 ^b	65,375
Special training	0	10,160	145
Other	0	0	0
Total	\$72,954	\$149,230	\$300,239

^aDepartment A's personnel costs include benefit estimates.

^bDepartment B reported that it was unable to provide travel costs relating to 2 of the 40 trips taken by the Secretary during fiscal year 1989 without conducting an extensive search of records filed at various federal archives locations. We did not request that the Department undertake that search.

Note: The only officials protected at the three departments during fiscal year 1989 were the cabinet secretaries.

Source: Data provided by the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Labor.

Table I.2: Costs of Executive Security Protection at 3 Departments During Fiscal Year 1990

Category of security costs	Department A	Department B	Department C
Personnel	\$38,598 ^a	\$0	\$296,763
Travel	676	0	70,000
Special training	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	\$39,274	\$0	\$366,763

^aDepartment A's personnel costs include benefit estimates.

Note: The only officials protected at Departments A and C during fiscal year 1990 were the cabinet secretaries. Department B reported that the Secretary did not require or request protection during fiscal year 1990. Therefore, Department B reported that no security costs were incurred during fiscal year 1990.

Source: Data provided by the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Labor.

Table I.3: Costs of Executive Security Protection at 3 Departments During Fiscal Year 1991

Category of security costs	Department A	Department B	Department C
Personnel	\$18,063 ^a	\$2,683	\$217,155
Travel	10,485	335	86,000
Special training	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Total	\$28,548	\$3,018	\$303,155

^aDepartment A's personnel costs include benefit estimates.

Note: The only officials protected at the three departments during fiscal year 1991 were the cabinet secretaries.

Source: Data provided by the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Labor.

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