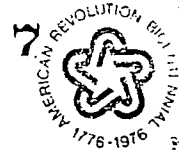


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IN REPLY
REFER TO: B-173761

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

December 1, 1978

Boston, MA 02101

Dear :

Your letter zerox dated October 29, 1978, has been referred to me for reply.

Your letter refers to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 U.S.C. § 552. As an agency responsible to Congress, GAO is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. It is our policy, however, to make our records available to the public to the extent disclosure is consistent with our function and responsibilities to the Congress and is not prohibited by law. We have issued regulations concerning the availability of GAO records to the public. The regulations are contained in Part 81 of title 4 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

In reply to your note concerning all paperwork and notations made concerning your inquiry, we have no paperwork or notations made in this regard.

In reply to your request that GAO "impound" the Government records delineated in your zerox of 18 pages, we must advise you that the General Accounting Office has no jurisdiction or authority over other agencies and the compliance or non-compliance with the Freedom of Information Act; nor do we have authority to "impound" records.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry R. Wray".

Henry R. Wray
Assistant General Counsel