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Mr. John M. Martin  
Acting Staff Director  
Committee on Ways and Means  
House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Martin:

The enclosed computer printout is forwarded for your information and use in preparation of your committee's views and estimates report to the House Budget Committee on the fiscal year 1980 budget. The General Accounting Office has prepared this information as part of our efforts to respond to the requirements in Title VIII of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 that the Comptroller General (1) develop and maintain standard classifications for fiscal, budgetary and program-related information and (2) assist committees in developing their information needs.

We have attempted to identify all the Federal programs and activities that are within your committee's jurisdiction using available source documents, such as the Budget Appendix and agency budget justifications, and in consultation with cognizant congressional and executive agency officials. We want to emphasize that the list of programs/activities in the enclosed document is an effort to capture the existing inventory of programs; it is not a "standard classification" of program and budget data. Also, the budget data was obtained directly from the agencies, and except for certain test checks that we performed, we relied on their input as to the accuracy and validity of the data.

For each program or activity identified, we have displayed the program authorizing and funding legislation (public law and U.S. Code citation) and the relevant budgetary information (authorization, budget authority, obligations and outlays). The requisite budget data are provided for fiscal years 1978 (actual), 1979 (estimate) and 1980 (President's budget request). Enclosure 1 provides a further discussion of this listing.

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We hope that this information will assist you in the performance of your responsibilities under Section 301(c) of the Budget Act and in meeting your other program information needs.

Sincerely yours,

*for* *Walter C. Myers*

Harry S. Havens  
Director

Enclosure - 1

The programs and activities in your committee's jurisdiction for the fiscal year 1980 budget cycle are summarized on the following pages. If you have any questions about the data we have provided, agency contacts, or other use of the data, please contact Roger Sperry or John Luke at 275-1907.

#### OVERVIEW OF COMPUTER PRINTOUT CONTENT

Program/activity information is provided for 12 Federal agencies in the legislative and executive branches of Government, and off-budget entities representing a total of 310 records. A record is the basic unit for which a complete set of data is provided. Each record may be a program, an activity, or even an individual project. What are included as records depends on the committee's expressed information needs, the data available from the agencies, and our perception of the level of detail that should be reported to enable the committee to perform an effective analysis of each agency's plans and activities. Below is a summary of the records in our computer printout.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Records</u>
Legislative Branch	
United States Tax Court	1
Executive Office of the President	
Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations	2
Executive Agencies	
Department of Commerce	8
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	122
Department of Interior	3
Department of Labor	67
Department of Treasury	76
General Services Administration	1
Other Independent Agencies	
International Trade Commission	19
Renegotiation Board	4
Other Temporary Commissions	2
Off-Budget Federal Entity	
Federal Financing Bank	5

The functional/subfunctional distribution of the records and their associated budget authority and outlays are provided on pages one and two of the computer printout.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

As our analysts review the program classifications, the budget data furnished by the agencies, and the documents associated with the President's Budget, certain items come to our attention which we believe should be of interest to the Committee. In some cases our computer listing tends to highlight the items; in other cases, the items are found in the Budget documents. Agency reporting to us of program and budgetary information is consistent with the President's Budget.

Below is a brief listing of these items. The information furnished is not an analysis of the President's Budget, nor does it cover all the items the Committee will want to consider in developing its views and estimates. The list is a supplement to other available information sources.

Significant increases and decreases in budget authority and outlays are highlighted. Our discussion is in terms of current year dollars which does not take into account the effects of inflation on real program outputs.

For each program area discussed, we have indicated the appropriate GAO record keys where data on the relevant programs can be located. The highlights are presented by subcommittee.

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

### Aid to Families with Dependent Children

No significant increase in outlays for this assistance program is projected for 1980. However, budget authority would increase by approximately \$200 million, assuming proposed legislation is enacted that would institute a number of reforms in calculating AFDC eligibility and benefits.

The 1980 program will be characterized by management improvement efforts including welfare management (enforcement of child support payments) and administration. See records 07120, 07130 - 07134, and 07137 - 07138 on our computer listing.

### Supplemental Security Income

Outlays would increase by approximately \$800 million in 1980. The amount of increase is affected by the date on which benefits were paid for the first month of 1979. This program will also concentrate on improved management and administration. See records 07101 - 07106 on our computer listing.

### Unemployment Compensation

An increase of about 400,000 unemployed workers is anticipated in 1980. As a result, an increase of \$2.1 billion in 1980 outlays is requested for the Unemployment Trust Fund. The increase will cover costs resulting from increases in wages on which benefits are paid and a 0.3 percent projected increase in unemployment over 1979. See records 02849 - 02857, and 02837 of our computer listing.

Budget authority for Federal training and employment programs would decrease by nearly \$1.5 billion in 1980. Outlays would decrease by \$727 million for that year.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

### Grants to States

New legislation will be proposed to increase the limit on Federal payments to \$2.9 billion annually beginning 1980. This proposal will include an emphasis on services to areas of special need as set forth in the Administration's urban initiatives. See records 02012 - 02025 on our computer listing for grants to states for social services.

### Child Welfare Grants

The 1980 budget shows an expanded area of programs for neglected, abused and homeless children. The 1980 budget proposes an \$84 million increase in outlays for these programs. The Administration will prepare legislation to improve services and strengthen safeguards to protect the rights of children and their parents. See records 02027 - 02029, 02002 - 02004, 02030.

## HEALTH

Federal outlays for health services are projected to rise by \$5.1 billion in 1980. This increase includes payments for Medicare (a \$2.9 billion increase) and Medicaid (a \$0.6 billion increase). These estimates are based on the assumption that Congress will enact a number of measures that would result in savings in the amount of \$350 million in 1979 and \$1.7 billion in 1980 for Medicare and smaller savings in 1979 and 1980 outlays for Medicaid. The major Administration proposal is the renewed call for hospital cost containment.

### Medicare

The 1980 outlays of \$29.1 billion will cover expanded outpatient psychiatric services and lower costs to beneficiaries for these services, elimination of a second waiting period for Medicare coverage for disabled persons returning to work but unable to remain in the work force, and continued coverage for disabled persons who re-enter the work force but still have the medical condition which caused the disability. See records 05781, 07577, and 05778.

### Medicaid

The 1980 outlays of \$11.8 billion estimated for Medicaid would cover expanded access to health services for the most needy. The Budget states that proposed legislation would save \$319 million and provide for program expansion of \$301 million. New and expanded programs would include:

- New Child Health Assessment Program (CHAP) which would provide coverage to 2 million low income children under 18 who are not currently eligible for Medicaid,
- Expanded coverage to include 100,000 low income pregnant women,
- Authority to issue new regulations that would ensure that coverage for migrants is not denied because of State residency requirements, and
- Expanded benefits for disabled low income workers who return to work.

See records 05781, 05775, 05776, 05777, 07580, 07581, 05779, and 05780.

### TRADE

The 1980 budget increases for trade programs are directed toward reducing the trade deficit and expanding U.S. export opportunities. Major 1980 funding increases are requested for the following agencies.

	1980 Increases	
	<u>Budget Authority</u>	<u>Outlays</u>
	(in thousands)	
Special Representative for Trade Negotiations See records 00120 and 00121	\$1,466	\$1,383
International Trade Commission See records 04954 - 04970, 06953, and 07013	1,268	1,106
Industry and Trade Administration Department of Commerce See record 00710	11,425	10,779
U.S. Customs Service		
Tariff inspection and control	1,747 <u>1/</u>	1,765
Appraisalment and entry processing	4,106 <u>1/</u>	4,147
See records 03286 - 03297		

1/ Estimated by GAO based on account total data.