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The Honorable John F. Seiberling  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Lands  
and National Parks  
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
House of Representatives



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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Subject: Travel of Certain Interior Headquarters Personnel  
(GAO/RCED-83-160)

This letter is in response to your April 19, 1983, request for information on recent official travel by Interior headquarters personnel in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks and by division chiefs and higher officials in the National Park Service. The information requested was for a 6-week period.

The data provided to us by the two Interior organizations include (1) names and titles of travelers, (2) points of travel, (3) periods of travel, and (4) total costs for recent 6-week periods. (See encls. I and II.)

Our review of the data was done in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. We reviewed the travel authorizations approved for the two organizations for fiscal year 1983 to date, certain travel vouchers submitted and/or individual travel record cards, and other related accounting and budgeting data. We found a few minor discrepancies in the data provided and brought them to the attention of Interior officials who corrected the data. Based on our review of the travel records and test checks made, we believe that the provided data, as revised, presents an accurate record of the official travel taken during the time period indicated.

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We did not obtain formal agency comments. However, Interior officials listed in enclosures I and II are aware that the travel information is being provided to the subcommittee. We are providing copies of this report to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; the Director, National Park Service; and other interested persons upon request.

Sincerely yours,



*for* J. Dexter Peach  
Director

Enclosures - 2

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

OFFICIAL TRAVEL - MARCH 6 TO APRIL 15, 1983

<u>Traveler</u>	<u>Points of travel</u>	<u>Period of travel</u>	<u>Cost</u>
G. Ray Arnett, Assistant Secretary	San Antonio, Tex.	3/4 - 3/8/83	\$ 740.44
	Denver, Colo.	3/10-3/23/83	1,843.05
	Stockton, Calif.		
	Sacramento, Calif.		
	Kansas City, Mo.		
Ric Davidge, Special Assistant	Harpers Ferry, W.V.	3/11/83	32.00
	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	3/31/83	58.50
	Medford, N.J.	4/8/83	68.30
William Hartwig, Program Analyst	Harpers Ferry, W.V.	3/11/83	20.71
	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	3/31/83	<u>38.27</u>
Total			<u><u>\$2,801.27</u></u>

ENCLOSURE I

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TRAVEL BY WASHINGTON OFFICE DIVISION CHIEFS AND ABOVE

OFFICIAL TRAVEL - FEBRUARY 21 TO APRIL 1, 1983

<u>Traveler</u>	<u>Points of travel</u>	<u>Period of travel</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Russell K. Dickenson, Director	San Antonio, Tex. Ottawa, Canada	2/18-22 3/14-17	\$ 385.76 569.22
Mary Lou Grier, Deputy Director	From: San Antonio, Tex. to Santa Monica, Calif. to Washington, D.C.	3/20-24	545.33
George J. Berklacy, Chief, Office of Public Affairs	Boston and Springfield, Mass.	3/25-26	251.90
Susan Smith, Chief, Office of Information Management	Harpers Ferry, W.V.	3/4	19.00
Marshall Brookes, Equal Opportunity Officer	Philadelphia, Pa. Albuquerque, N.M.	3/17 3/24-26	71.50 539.56
Richard Briceland, Acting Associate Director, Natural Resources	Santa Fe, N.M./Denver, Colo.	3/30-4/1	727.27
Barbara Brown, Acting Chief, Air and Water Quality Division	Denver, Colo. Grand Canyon, Ariz. Denver, Colo.	2/22-23 2/27-3/3 3/9-12	449.92 825.67 382.00
Stanley T. Albright, Associate Director, Park Operations	Ottawa, Canada Santa Monica, Calif.	3/14-17 3/20-25	463.18 754.66
Joseph Schock, Environmental Sanitation Officer	Harrisonburg, Va. and local mileage	2/21-3/11	565.46
J. Thomas Ritter, Acting Chief, Visitor Services Division	Santa Monica, Calif.	3/16-25	1,008.68

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<u>Traveler</u>	<u>Points of travel</u>	<u>Period of travel</u>	<u>Cost</u>
George Gowans, Acting Chief, Engineering and Safety Division	Harrisonburg, Va.	3/7-8	\$ 122.20
	Yosemite/Santa Monica, Calif.	3/21-25	735.08
	Omaha, Nebr.	3/28-31	438.77
David Gackenbach, Chief, Concessions Division	Phoenix/Grand Canyon, Ariz.	3/4-9	621.20
	Denver, Colo.	3/16-17	429.40
Jerry Rogers, Acting Associate Director, Cultural Resources	Philadelphia, Pa.	2/25	67.45
	Williamsport, Md.	3/4	35.00
	Ottawa, Canada	3/14-16	420.22
	Santa Fe, N.M.	3/27-29	623.02
	Harpers Ferry, W.V.	3/30	24.00
Edwin Bearss, Chief, History Division	Harpers Ferry, W.V.	2/22	35.23
	Petersburg, Va.	2/24-25	68.99
	Atlanta, Ga.	3/3	237.40
	Denver, Colo.	3/20-24	431.85
Lawrence Aten, Acting Chief, Interagency Resources Division	Santa Fe, N.M.	3/27-29	581.00
F. Ross Holland, Acting Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Assistance	New York, N.Y.	3/2	125.05
	New York, N.Y.	3/4	150.85
Hugh Miller, Chief, Park Historic Architecture Division	Atlanta, Ga.	3/4-9	447.38
	San Francisco, Calif.	3/16-25	1,028.91
Lee Nelson, Chief, Preservation Assistance Division	Harpers Ferry, W.V.	3/30	9.30

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<u>Traveler</u>	<u>Points of travel</u>	<u>Period of travel</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Bennie Keel, Acting Assistant Director, Archeology	Philadelphia, Pa.	3/11	\$ 95.60
David G. Wright, Acting Associate Director, Planning and Development	Ottawa, Canada	3/14-17	523.40
William Spitzer, Chief, Recreation Resources Assistant Division	Boston, Mass.	2/25-26	48.99
Jean Henderer, Chief, Cooperative Activities Division	Kansas City, Mo.	4/1	215.20
Donald Humphrey, Acting Chief, Park Planning and Special Studies Division	Afton, Va. Harpers Ferry, W.V. Denver, Colo.	3/1-2 3/11 3/21-25	28.08 24.00 625.00
Willis Kriz, Chief, Land Resources Division	Harpers Ferry, W.V.	3/11	36.00
Richard E. Powers, Assistant Director, Personnel and Administrative Services	Atlanta, Ga.	3/9-11	398.11
Russell K. Olsen, Chief, Administrative Services Division	Los Angeles, Calif.	3/21-23	402.20
Mario E. Fraire, Chief, Personnel Division	Atlanta, Ga.	3/6-11	534.74
Reginald Hagood, Acting Chief, Training Division	Atlanta/Brunswick, Ga. Harpers Ferry, W.V.	3/10-17 3/21-22	706.76 <u>103.40</u>
Total			<u>\$17,932.89</u>