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Honorable James T. McIntyre, Jr.
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office Building
17th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations is in the process of concluding an 18-month inquiry into the use and misuse of cost-benefit and related analyses by regulatory agencies. In order to complete our inquiry and issue a timely report, we request the following information from your office by the close of business, Wednesday, November 18, 1980.

(1) A listing of all formal and informal interventions, and a brief description of the nature of that intervention, by the Office of Management and Budget (whether acting as OMB or as part of the Regulatory Analysis Review Group) into the rulemaking proceedings or the decisionmaking process of regulatory agencies under the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, including DOE, EPA, NHTSA, FTC, CPSC, SEC, FCC, ICC, HHS, FDA and FRA. The interventions that we are interested in would be those that involved allegations that the regulatory analysis (or economic impact analysis) was incomplete or insufficient; or those cases in which OMB has recommended delay of any proposed rule or regulation, or suggested that a less costly alternative to such a proposed rule or regulation be considered by the regulatory agency. This information is requested for the period of January 1, 1977 to present.

(2) A status report on the development of regulatory budgets by your Office of Regulatory and Information Policy. Such a report would include an accounting of the OMB resources devoted to the project, the legal authority under which OMB has decided to pursue such a policy, and the statement of any plans your Office has for implementation of such a policy.

I realize that this is rather an extensive request and will put a resource burden on your Office, however, it is absolutely necessary to the conclusion of our investigation and to the production of the Subcommittee report. If the legislative calendar permits, we may hold one additional hearing in which you and Mr. Tozzi and perhaps other OMB employees will be invited to testify in November.

Honorable James T. McIntyre, Jr.
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Thank you for your prompt attention of this request. If you have any questions regarding it, please contact David Nelson or Peter Kinzler of the Subcommittee staff at 225-5365.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Eckhardt". The signature is stylized and cursive, written over the printed name.

Bob Eckhardt
Chairman
Subcommittee on
Oversight and Investigations