[9/18/79-Not Submitted-DF]

Folder Citation: Collection: Office of Staff Secretary; Series: Presidential Files; Folder: [9/18/79-Not Submitted-DF]; Container 131

To See Complete Finding Aid:
http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/library/findingaids/Staff_Secretary.pdf

	FOR STAFFING
	FOR INFORMATION
	FROM PRESIDENT'S OUTBOX
/	LOG IN/TO PRESIDENT TODAY
	IMMEDIATE TURNAROUND
	NO DEADLINE
	FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING
	LAST DAY FOR ACTION

	ADMIN CONFID
	CONFIDENTIAL
	SECRET
	EYES ONLY

for Sunday Stand

DF

ACTION	FYI	
		VICE PRESIDENT
		JORDAN
		CUTLER
		DONOVAN
		EIZENSTAT
		MCDONALD
		MOORE
		POWELL
		WATSON
		WEDDINGTON
		WEXLER
		BRZEZINSKI
		MCINTYRE
		SCHULTZE
		ANDRUS
		ASKEW
		BERGLAND
		BROWN
		CIVILETTI
		DUNCAN
		GOLDSCHMIDT
		HARRIS
		KREPS
		LANDRIEU
		MARSHALL

	MILLER
	VANCE
	BUTLER
	CAMPBELL
	H. CARTER
	CLOUGH
	CRUIKSHANK
	FIRST LADY
	FRANCIS
	HARDEN
	HERTZBERG
	HUTCHESON
	KAHN
	LINDER
	MARTIN
	MILLER
	MOE
	PETERSON
	PRESS
	SANDERS
	SPETH
	STRAUSS
	TORRES
	VOORDE
	WISE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9.18.79

TO: Rick Hutcheson

For Your Information: _____

For Appropriate Handling: ✓

_____

_____

_____

Robert D. Linder

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

September 17, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James T. McIntyre, Jr.

SUBJECT: Improving Government Regulations

Here is our first full-scale report on agency performance under Executive Order 12044. It is a comprehensive document and a revealing one as well. It reflects not only the OMB staff's evaluation but the first-hand impressions of those citizens and groups who must deal with government regulatory agencies on a day-to-day basis. In this sense, it presents an accurate, real-life picture of where the Executive Order program is succeeding and where it is falling short.

In terms of overall compliance with the Executive Order, I have some significant, welcome news to report. For the first time in history, the Federal Government now has a framework for managing its regulatory responsibilities. This framework, moreover, is a sound one. Today there are forty executive agencies with a significant rulemaking function. All forty of these have now instituted procedures implementing Executive Order 12044. All eighteen independent regulatory agencies, while exempted from the Order itself, have taken some similar steps voluntarily.

I must also report, however, that some of the goals you have set forth in the Executive Order have been pursued more successfully than others. We can take pride, for example, in our government-wide efforts to promote greater public participation in the regulatory process. On the other hand, agencies must do much more to improve their regulatory analysis capability.

The purpose of this report, however, is not to demonstrate that we have finished a job, but how we have begun one. Bringing order and reason to the government's wide ranging regulatory activities is an important, necessary task. We will continue to pursue your commitment to regulatory reform with vigor, and expect to report further progress to you early next year.

ERRATA SHEET

The Report

Errors on Page 21 - second paragraph, line 13, carcinogen is incorrectly spelled; line 18, the word case should read care.

The Appendix

Error on Page A-9 - Department of Agriculture. Add at the bottom of the page:

CONCLUSION

The Department of Agriculture has made a strong and innovative start in implementing the Executive Order. It is evident that the Secretary is making a real effort to change the Department's procedures rather than simply adding its requirements to previous practices. However, more uniform performance throughout the Department is needed.

Error on Page A-64 - Department of Transportation. The Department has done 20 regulatory analyses, not 50.

Errors on Pages A-87/A-88 - Council on Wage and Price Stability. The reader should understand that, while the Council does not term its analyses of issues "regulatory analyses", it has published an extensive analysis of issues and options for its second-year standards program, which it termed a "Request for Comments on Modifications to Voluntary Pay and Price Standards." The Request was issued in August as part of the Council's regular review of standards and regulations, and has been followed by extensive consultations with consumer, labor, and business representatives and other members of the public.

PART I

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

A Progress Report



SEPTEMBER 1979

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page

THE PROGRESS REPORT 3

THE NEED FOR REFORM 4

THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM 5

ASSESSMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 12044 PERFORMANCE 7

- BACKGROUND 7

- OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS 8

(1) Policy Oversight 9

(2) Public Participation 13

(3) Regulatory Analysis 18

(4) Sunset Review 24

(5) Plain English 26

- CONCLUSION 27

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS 28

AGENCY COVERAGE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 12044 31

- Subject Agencies 31

- Exempt Agencies 31

- Independent Regulatory Agencies 32

THE APPENDIX: ASSESSMENTS OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE

Page

Department of Agriculture A-4

Department of Commerce A-10

Department of Defense A-16

Department of Energy A-19

Department of Health, Education and Welfare A-28

Volume II

Department of Housing and Urban Development A-37

Department of the Interior A-43

Department of Justice A-49

Department of Labor A-53

Department of State A-59

Department of Transportation A-61

Department of the Treasury A-68

Environmental Protection Agency A-75

Executive Office of the President A-85

General Services Administration A-90

Veterans Administration A-92

Small Agencies A-95

Independent Regulatory Agencies A-99

PART II

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

A Progress Report



SEPTEMBER 1979

VOLUME II

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
APPENDIX CONTINUED	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	**A-37**
Department of the Interior	**A-43**
Department of Justice	**A-49**
Department of Labor	**A-53**
Department of State	**A-59**
Department of Transportation	**A-61**
Department of the Treasury	**A-68**
Environmental Protection Agency	**A-75**
Executive Office of the President	**A-85**
General Services Administration	**A-90**
Veterans Administration	**A-92**
Small Agencies	**A-95**
Independent Regulatory Agencies	**A-99**