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## THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECTOR SURVEY ON COST CONTROL

September 15, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The following Report represents the results of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Task Force of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control in the Federal Government. The Task Force was chaired by Robert A. Beck, Chairman and CEO, Prudential Insurance Company of America; Carter L. Burgess, Chairman, Executive Committee, Foreign Policy Association; James E. Burke, Chairman and CEO, Johnson and Johnson; and Carl D. Covitz, President, Landmark Industries, with William H. Tremayne serving as Project Manager. The Report culminates the combined efforts of over 45 members of the Task Force, who devoted about 160 person-months of pro bono work to the PPSSCC initiative. A list of all Task Force members is enclosed with this letter.

The Report on the Office of the Secretary of Defense contains major recommendations which, when fully implemented, could result in three-year cost savings of \$44,756 million. It should be noted, however, that some of the recommendations may require several years for the savings to be realized. While all facets of the Office of the Secretary of Defense could not be surveyed in the time allotted, areas selected for review were considered to offer significant potential for cost control and improved efficiency. The importance of the accompanying recommendations rests on the fact that they represent the potential for better utilizing finite resources available to the Federal Government.

Clearly, other opportunities for cost savings and revenue generation exist but, due to limited time and personnel resources, they could not be pursued. Several are suggested for further review because they offer future potential savings and revenue opportunities.

On behalf of the Co-chairs and the members of the Task Force, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the opportunity to have been of service to you and the members of your Administration.

Respectfully,

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Chairman, Executive Committee

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