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The Honorable Alexander Haig
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Subject: [Reapproval of the International Boundary and
Water Commission, U.S. Section Payroll System
Design] (AFMD-82-41)

It is my pleasure to reapprove the payroll system design of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section submitted to us with your letter of December 8, 1981, as being in conformity in all material respects with the approved principles and standards of the Department of State. The payroll system was previously approved in January 1953 and this reapproval was required due to a complete redesign of the system.

Our evaluation of the automatic data processing aspects of the system design was directed primarily to a determination of the adequacy of internal controls, audit trails, and data integrity.

Approval of the system is based on a detailed analysis of the system documentation as well as on-site evaluation of the system in operation. To maintain the approved status of the design, planned changes should be discussed with our representatives and, if deemed significant, submitted formally for approval.

At some future date we will examine selected aspects of the system and advise you as to whether it is functioning effectively and in accordance with our approval. In the interim, and in view of the fact the system is already in operation, we suggest such examinations be conducted periodically by the internal audit staff.

We appreciate the effort of the Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section, and his staff in completing and submitting the payroll system documentation for our review and approval.

Sincerely yours,

Signed Charles A. Bowsher

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