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The Honorable Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.  
The Secretary of Housing and Urban  
Development

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Subject: Approval of the Design for the Terminally  
Operated Personnel/Payroll System  
(GAO/AFMD-83-16)

It is my pleasure to approve the design for the Terminally Operated Personnel/Payroll System submitted to us for approval on October 6, 1982, as being in conformity in all material respects with the approved accounting and payroll principles and standards of your agency.

This approval is based on the recent completion of our evaluation of the automatic data processing aspects as well as our September 30, 1981, approval of the system's nonautomated aspects.

In evaluating the system design, we looked at the automatic data processing aspects primarily to determine their adequacy as to internal controls, audit trails, data integrity, and consistency with the accounting specifications.

To maintain the approved status of the system, planned changes should be discussed with our representatives and, if deemed significant, submitted formally for approval.

We commend you and the design staff for this effort to improve the Department's financial management system. Such an effort should be an incentive to other staffs within the Department to develop designs for those systems which have not reached an approval status pursuant to section 113 of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950.

Sincerely yours,

Signed Charles A. Bowsher

Comptroller General  
of the United States

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