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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In a letter we received on December 4, 1970, you enclosed materials which had been submitted to you by the Department of State dealing with the Agency for International Development's relationships with the Charter Company. You asked that we review the materials to determine if they were fully responsive to a request you had submitted to the Secretary of State on October 12, 1970, in which you asked for:

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- Copies of all correspondence, internal and external.
- Copies of all memoranda, including memoranda of conversations.
- Copies of all pertinent contracts or agreements.
- Copies of any performance, audit, or similar reports and documents.
- A copy of any draft investigative reports on this matter prepared by the Office of the Inspector General.
- Any other materials that would be useful to the Committee in appraising this case.

In reviewing the Inspector General's report to you, we observed that there were frequent references to letters, interviews, contracts, cablegrams, and other material which formed the basis for conclusions reached in the report. We listed each instance where these supporting data were referred to in the report and checked the listing against the data you furnished us.

On the basis of this test, we conclude that the Inspector General did not furnish the Committee all of the supporting documents and that the Committee's request was not fully complied with. The Inspector General stated in his November 12, 1970, report to you that the entire files of the Nicaragua and Panama projects had been

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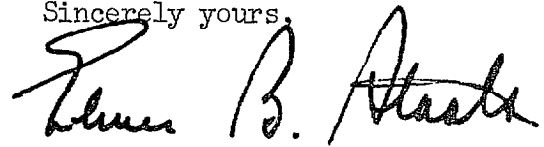
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made a part of the record, but the Panama file was not included in the reference material you furnished us. We did find a few documents referring to the Panama project but nothing that we would consider to be an entire file.

We are unable to appraise the significance of the omissions without a thorough review of State Department and Agency for International Development files. In accordance with arrangements made with your office, we understand that this will not be necessary at this time.

We are pleased to have been of assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas B. Atack".

Comptroller General
of the United States

01 The Honorable J. W. Fulbright, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate