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The Honorable William V. Roth, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Finance
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you requested, the following table provides information on staffing trends at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This information is updated from our 1993 report, TAX ADMINISTRATION: Trends for Certain IRS Programs (GAO/GGD-93-102FS, May 26, 1993). The original data is from IRS annual reports and budget submissions.

Total IRS Full-Time Equivalents by Data Source

Fiscal year	Annual report data	Budget data
1981	86,860	86,156
1982	83,756	82,857
1983	83,970	83,603
1984	88,208	87,635
1985	92,792	92,259
1986	96,395	95,880
1987	102,774	102,189
1988	115,494	114,875
1989	115,360	114,758
1990	112,987	111,962
1991	117,017	115,628
1992	117,945	115,384
1993	114,642	113,460
1994	112,128	110,665
1995	Not available	113,644
1996	Not applicable	106,350 ^a

^a IRS' estimate of full-time equivalents based on the final fiscal year 1996 appropriations.

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The annual report data show higher staffing levels because that source includes staffing that is funded through reimbursements from other agencies. The budget data does not necessarily include all the staff funded from reimbursements.

Please contact me on (202) 512-8633 if you or your staff have any questions concerning the information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynda D. Willis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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