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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On April 23,2003, the President approved Public Law 108-18, the "Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003." Section 2(e) of the Act requires that the Office of Personnel Management, the Department of the Treasury, and the United States Postal Service each prepare and submit, by September 30,2003, to the President, the Congress, and the General Accounting Office proposals detailing whether and to what extent the Department of the Treasury or the Postal Service should be responsible for the funding of benefits attributable to the military service of current and former employees of the Postal Servicethat, prior to the date of enactment of this statute, were the responsibility of the Department of the Treasury under section **8348** of title *5*, United States Code.

The Office of Personnel Management and the Department **of** the Treasury have prepared a joint report in accordance with these provisions which we are pleased to transmit to you.

The Office **of** Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission **of** this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Similar letters will be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, and the Comptroller General of the United States.

Sincerely,

Kay Coles James

Director of the Office of Personnel Management

John W. Snow Secretary of the Treasury

Enclosure