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The Honorable Cecil D. Andrus  
The Secretary of the Interior



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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Subject: [Approval of the Department of Interior  
Denver Pay/Personnel System] (FGMSD-80-92)

It is my pleasure to approve the design of the Denver Pay/Personnel System submitted by Mr. Larry E. Meierotto's letter of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1980, as conforming in all material respects with your statement of principles and standards.

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 an approved status, any planned changes in the approved payroll system design should be discussed with our representatives and, if deemed significant, submitted formally for approval.

While it does not affect our system design approval, we noted during our evaluation that certain computer programs had not been completed and plans were underway to provide backup computer facilities.

We suggest that your internal auditors periodically review the system after it has been fully implemented to be sure it is operating as prescribed. They should pay particular attention to the computer programming and backup facilities.

At some future date, we will examine selected aspects of the system and advise you whether they are functioning effectively and in accordance with the approved design.

We commend the Department for developing a modern, automated system that will improve the ability of your office to control payroll and personnel operations. We look forward to working with your staff during fiscal year 1981 in order that the designs of the Department's remaining accounting systems may be submitted for approval.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED ELMER B. STAATS

Comptroller General  
of the United States

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