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December 19, 2001

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
Department of DefenseDear Mr. <sup>Don</sup> Secretary:

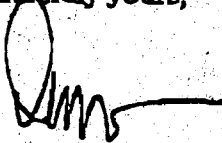
The enclosed exposure draft, *GAO's Agency Protocols*, is intended to govern the U.S. General Accounting Office's work with executive branch agencies and to provide clearly defined and transparent policies and practices on how we will interact with agencies in the performance of our work. As you know, GAO supports the Congress in meeting its constitutional responsibilities and strives to help improve the performance and accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people. While GAO's primary client is the Congress, we seek to maintain constructive relationships with the executive branch, conduct our work in a professional, objective and efficient manner, and help improve government. In fact, the vast majority of GAO's recommendations are addressed to executive branch officials for action.

Agency protocols will provide an institutional framework for GAO's interaction with the federal departments and agencies (referred to collectively in this document as agencies) where we perform financial audits, program reviews, evaluations, analyses, and investigations. The protocols identify what the agencies can expect from GAO and what GAO expects of the agencies. They are intended to cover most situations that arise during the course of GAO's work and, to the extent applicable, are consistent with the protocols that govern GAO's work for the Congress. I firmly believe these protocols will help to ensure the consistency, fairness, and effectiveness of GAO's interactions with the agencies and thereby enable GAO to better serve the Congress and the American people.

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Your agency's views would be helpful in finalizing these protocols, which we plan to pilot test this spring. We would appreciate receiving your comments on this exposure draft before February 1, 2002. Also, we invite you to meet with us to discuss any observations you may have. If you or staff have any questions on this matter or would like to arrange a meeting, please call Keith O. Fultz, Managing Director, Product and Process Improvement, at (202) 512-3200.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Walker  
Comptroller General  
of the United States

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