

April 2, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve

FROM: William D. Travers */RA by William F. Kane Acting For/*
Executive Director for Operations

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We have also contracted with the Gartner Group, an independent IT consulting firm, to perform a validation and verification of HCG's assessment to ensure that it: (1) followed a rigorous and structured assessment methodology, (2) is logically consistent with well-supported conclusions, (3) is topically complete in consideration of agency long-term needs, and (4) is balanced in its discussion of alternative systems and software.

The ADAMS Steering Group is meeting with HCG this week to discuss the report and its recommendations. Following that, we will perform a thorough review of the report and of Gartner's independent review, and then inform the Commission of our views on the assessment and its impact on future plans for ADAMS.

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