March 27, 1981

Mr. Thomas Devine Associate Director Government Accountability Project Institute for Policy Studies 1901 Que Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Devine:

Thank you for your letter of March 15, 1981, regarding our ongoing Zimmer investigation which resulted from Mr. Applegate's disclosure to your organizatenn. I appreciate you and Mr. Applegate coming to our office on February 26, 1981, to meet with us to supplement and clarify previous information supplied by Mr. Applegate.

I applogize for the delay in sending you the attached copy of the transcript of our meetings. The delay was due to the relatively poor quality of the recordings. To assure no information of any substance was omitted, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Warnick reviewed the tapes and transcripts. As you know, these gentlemen were at the meeting. Although the transcript is not a verbatim account of the meeting, I have full confidence from the review by these supervisors that all information of any substance is accurately presented.

Your offer to assist in developing a set of NRC investigative guidelines is appreciated. Should we have an interest in accepting your offer, we will contact you as you suggested.

We appreciate your willingness to jointly interview witnesses to resolve any inconsistencies in information provided to NRC and GAP. Should it become necessary to contact you to assure ourselves of the legitimacy of evidentiary references, we will not hesitate to do so.

Sincerely,

James G. Keppler Director

Attachment: As stated

bcc: V. Stello, Jr., Director, IE

J. Sniezek, IE

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