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Mr. James M. Taylor
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

As the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, I am writing to request your participation in a survey that I am conducting to assess the total amount of delinquent receivables owed the Government of the United States.

I would deeply appreciate your Department/Agency's answers to the following questions by Friday, April 11, 1997.

(1) How much is owed to your Department/Agency in delinquent receivables? Please break the amounts down by program. For the purposes of answering these questions, please use the following commonly accepted definition of delinquent receivable:

A debt is considered "delinquent" if it has not been paid by the date specified in the agency's initial written notification or applicable contractual agreement, unless other satisfactory payment arrangements have been made by that date, or if, at any time thereafter, the debtor fails to satisfy obligations under a payment agreement with the creditor agency. [4 CFR Part 101, Section 101.2 as contained in the Federal Register, Vol. 48, No. 49, Friday, March 9, 1984, "Federal Claims Collection Standards"]

(2) How much of that amount is over 180 days delinquent?

(3) Of the total amount of delinquent receivables owed to your Department/Agency:

(a) How much delinquent debt has been written off by your Department/agency (for each of the last five years)?

(b) What amount (in both dollars and percent) are considered non-collectible? Please use the following definition of non-collectible:

Allowance for Estimated Uncollectible Accounts. The dollar amount

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for allowance for uncollectible accounts as of the end of the reporting period. The allowance is determined by analyzing the accounts receivable and loans receivable to estimate the probability of failure to collect based on the following risk factors: (1) account or loan performance experience; (2) current and forecasted international, national, or regional economic conditions that may affect the performance of the loans; (3) financial and other relevant characteristics of borrowers; (4) the value of collateral to loan balance; (5) changes in recoverable value of collateral; and (6) newly developed events that would affect the account or loan receivables performance. [Instructional Workbook for Preparing the "Report on Receivables Due From the Public." (A Supplement to Volume I of the Asset Management Manual, Managing Federal Receivables). Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Credit & Debt Management Division. March, 1994. p.10]

(4) Of the total amount collected on delinquent receivables for FY 1996, how much (in dollars and percent) come from the following debt collection tools:

- (a) Tax Refund Offsets
- (b) Private Collection Agencies
- (c) Litigation
- (d) Salary Offsets
- (e) Administrative Offsets
- (f) Other (please list additional methods of payment)

(5) How much delinquent debt was collected by year over the last five years?

(6) How much new debt became delinquent by year over the last five years?

(7) How much delinquent debt has been referred to the Department of Treasury over the last year for:

- (a) Tax refund offset
- (b) Administrative offset
- (c) Cross-servicing

Thank you very much in advance for your time and kind attention to this important survey. If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me directly or call Mark Guiton of my staff at (202) 225 - 7944.

Sincerely,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Steve Horn
Chairman
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