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The Honorable Clay Johnson, III
Chairman, President's Management Council
Old Executive Office Building, Room 260
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On June 1, 2007, the Attorney General submitted to the President his annual report on the progress that has been made in implementing Executive Order 13392, "Improving Agency Disclosure of Information." Section IV, "Recommendations," requires agencies that were identified as having missed one or more milestones to provide the President's Management Council by August 1, 2007 with a status report on corrective actions that have been taken.

We are pleased to report that the Department of Commerce has addressed the one instance in which a milestone had not been met as of December 31, 2006.

1. **Relevant Plan Area:** Backlog Reduction

2. **Deficient Milestone and Original Target Date:** Reduce existing backlog of pending FOIA requests by 10 percent in those bureaus where applicable (December 31, 2006)

3. **Steps Taken to Correct Deficiency and Date Completed:** As of the target date, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) had requested but had not received clearance to release records by the outside agency that generated them. NIST has received the necessary clearance and issued a final response to the requestor. (March 21, 2007)

4. **Additional Steps to be Taken:** The milestone has been met and no further action is necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-482-4951 with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Otto J. Wolff
Chief Financial Officer and
Assistant Secretary for Administration