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Honorable Charles L. Schultze  
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Dear Mr. Schultze:

This is in reply to your request for the views of this Department concerning S. 1160, an enrolled enactment

"To amend section 3 of the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 324, of the Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 238), to clarify and protect the right of the public to information, and for other purposes."

The enrolled enactment would rewrite section 3 of the Administrative Procedure Act, the section pertaining to publication of information, rules, opinions, orders and public records, to provide generally for much broader publication of agency rules and for making available to the public a much broader range of agency opinions, orders and records.

The Department of Commerce would interpose no objection to approval by the President of S. 1160.

Enactment of this legislation will require additional expenditures by this Department in making available the records not heretofore required to be made available and in maintaining the public index required under the legislation. Whether such additional expenditures will require additional appropriations cannot now be determined.

Sincerely,

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