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Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of Management
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Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Dear Mr. Ash:

This is in reply to your request for the views of this Department concerning H. R. 12471, an enrolled enactment

"To amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code,
known as the Freedom of Information Act."

This Department has reviewed the proposed veto message with respect to H. R. 12471, transmitted by Assistant Attorney General Scalia to Assistant Director Shepard of the Domestic Council on October 3, 1974, and concurs in the views set forth therein.

Enactment of H. R. 12471 would involve additional expenditures to this Department, the amount of which would depend upon the number of requests for records received and the nonrecoverable costs to review and edit the materials which this legislation would require.

Sincerely,

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