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January 19, 1977

Dear Paul:

I have your letter of January 17, and I, of course, accept your resignation as Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, effective January 20, 1977, as you requested.

In doing so, I want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to you for the consistently fine manner in which you have carried out your many assignments. You responded to the challenges which faced you with professional skill and personal commitment, and you can take great pride in the outstanding contributions you have made to OMB during your more than two years of service.

As you prepare to return to private life, I can assure you that you take with you my lasting gratitude and my heartfelt good wishes for every success and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Paul H. O'Neill Howards in the Deputy Director of the Office of

Management and Budget Washington, D. C. 20503