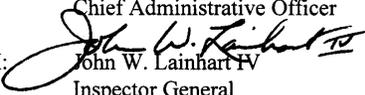


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MEMORANDUM

TO: James M. Eagen III
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: 
John W. Lainhart IV
Inspector General

DATE: December 12, 1997

SUBJECT: Audit Report - Despite CHO And CAO Mandates, HIR Has Not Begun
Development Of A Mainframe Migration Plan (Report No. 97-CAO-15)

This is our final report containing the results of our audit of HIR's mainframe migration plan. The original objective of this audit was to evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of HIR's mainframe migration planning process. However, preliminary survey work revealed that there was no mainframe to client/server migration plan, nor were there any known long-term planning efforts related to this issue. As a result, the original objective of this audit was revised to (1) identify the course of management actions that have led up to this condition, and (2) determine their effects. In this report, we noted inconsistencies with regard to mainframe migration that involve planning, budgeting, communications, and a general misconception regarding the Committee on House Oversight's (CHO) intentions with regard to mainframe migration. As a result, the House is now in a position of having to first implement costly Year 2000 solutions, and then readdress migration for these very same legacy systems, rather than accomplishing both tasks in unison, as originally envisioned.

In response to our July 18, 1997 draft report, your office fully concurred with our findings and recommendations. Your October 14, 1997 management response is incorporated in this final report and included in its entirety as an appendix. The corrective actions taken and planned by your office are appropriate and, when fully implemented, should adequately respond to the recommendations. Further, the milestone dates provided for implementing corrective actions appear reasonable.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by your staff. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this report, please call me or Robert B. Frey III at (202) 226-1250.

cc: Speaker of the House
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