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Dear Congressman Erlenborn:

Thank you for your letter of August 14th which has found its way to me here in San Clemente.

I know that Bryce Harlow and the Comptroller General have had a number of conversations about filling the position of Assistant Comptroller General of the United States.

It is my understanding that some agreement has been reached and I am forwarding your letter to Bryce with the expectation that he can give you a more definite answer than I can.

However, I am also sending copies of your letter to Peter Flanigan and Harry Flemming with the expectation that it will be given attention should the position still be open.

With best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

John D. Ehrlichman
Counsel to the President

The Honorable
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Mr. John D. Ehrlichman
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Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

In March, I joined several of my colleagues on the House Government Operations Committee in forwarding endorsements of William H. Copenhaver, minority counsel for the Committee, for the position of Assistant Comptroller General of the United States.

Shortly afterwards, we were given to understand that another employee of the House of Representatives had been selected for this position, and we relaxed our efforts in behalf of Mr. Copenhaver. Recently, however, it has come to our attention that the position remains open. I am writing, therefore, to urge consideration of Mr. Copenhaver.

In any event, it is hoped that the opinions of Republicans on the Government Operations Committee will be given weighted consideration in filling this vacancy. The General Accounting Office is an arm of Congress, and the Government Operations Committee works closely with it. Consequently, it seems highly desirable to me that there be the utmost mutual confidence between the people at the GAO and the members of the Committee.

I would appreciate your early reply.

Mr. John D. Ehrlichman

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With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John N. Erlenborn".

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