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Dear Ms. Katzen:

I am pleased to submit the Department of the Interior's 2000 Financial Management Status Report and Strategic Plan in support of the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990. This plan summarizes the significant accomplishments achieved in fiscal 2000 and outlines the Department's agenda for continuing the improvement of financial management over the next five years.

Over the past few years, the Department has significantly improved accountability and financial management by streamlining organizations, reengineering business processes, improving service to customers, applying technology to facilitate operational performance, and providing more accurate financial information to the public and Congress.

While we are pleased with our progress to date, we are very cognizant of the need to further enhance and improve our operations and program performance. This plan identifies several new initiatives that are extremely important for the continued improvement of financial management in the Department. These include (1) the financial management system migration project which is nearing completion of the preliminary planning phase and is ready to move to the acquisition phase once funding is secured for FY 2002; (2) a collaborative effort with the Office of Inspector General to use the private sector to perform financial statement audits; (3) a collaborative effort between the finance and information technology communities to resolve computer security and information technology architecture issues; and (4) the continued support of electronic commerce through the use of the single integrated charge card program.

If you have any questions or would like additional clarification about the contents of this plan, please do not hesitate to call me on (202) 208-4203.

Sincerely,

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