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SUBJECT: The Cost of Federal Regulations

Executive Order 12044 is beginning to produce a substantial amount of data on the cost of complying with Federal regulations. Furthermore, agencies such as EPA have a statutory mandate to report, to the Congress, the cost of complying with the regulations it issues. Other agencies such as DOE perform cost studies on select sectors affected by its regulatory programs.

Presently we have no mechanism for compiling these cost data on a government-wide basis. The attached draft legislative proposal would amend the existing National Budget and Audit System to require agencies to report cost information to OMB on a periodic basis.

I would appreciate your views on this proposal. It is also being reviewed by the agencies through the OMB legislative clearance process.

John White