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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

VIA:

Executive Officer/OP

FROM:

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Office of Personnel for Compensation,
Automation, and Planning

SUBJECT:

Senate DoD Appropriations Bill Amendment
To Reduce Consulting Services

1. You have requested that we review a Senate-approved amendment to referenced bill which would require that funds expended for certain consulting services during FY89 not exceed 85 percent of the amount expended during FY87.

2. We strongly object to this amendment. It would have a severe impact upon this Office's contracts with consulting services. We are at a crucial stage in automating myriad personnel processes and in reviewing personnel structures and benefits. All these require in-depth assistance from experts in automation, management, and benefits. We thus request that the Agency be exempt from this provision.

3. As we understand it, Senator Pryor has offered this same amendment to all appropriations bills considered and passed by the Senate. This amendment, therefore, would affect all federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities. In light of this extensive coverage, our request to be exempt may be difficult to support. Nevertheless, we would appreciate any help you may provide in protecting the equities of the Office of Personnel, as well as of the Agency in general, in this matter. If we may be of any assistance, please contact the undersigned on

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