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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 19, 1977

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of January 14. I, of course, accept your resignation as Director of the Office of Management and Budget, effective January 20, 1977, as you requested.

In doing so, I welcome this opportunity to express my appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have served in this important post, and my admiration for the dedication and commitment which you brought to every assignment. You have played a vital role in a very challenging and difficult area, one requiring sound judgment, expertise in fiscal matters, and administrative ability. You possess these qualities in abundance and have made a significant and lasting contribution to OMB and to this Administration.

As you prepare to return to the private sector, you take with you my profound gratitude and my warmest good wishes for success and happiness for you and Joanie in the years ahead.

With kind personal regards,

The Honorable James T. Lynn

Director

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Washington, D.C. 20503