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STATEMENT OF HUGH E. WITT
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BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MONOPOLY
OF THE SENATE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee:

I welcome this opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the steps we are taking to improve the procurement and management of drugs and medical items which are required to support the needs of the Federal Government. Within the Office of Management and Budget these problem areas are among my responsibilities as Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy. My Office was established in OMB by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, Public Law 93-400, enacted on August 30, 1974.

Over the years there has been a growing awareness of the need for greater coordination, economy and efficiency in the procedures, processes and systems employed by the various agencies in the executive branch whose responsibilities include the acquisition and supply of drugs and medical items. In 1971 the Office of Management and Budget established an interagency group to study military and civil agency procurement and distribution of these commodities and to recommend