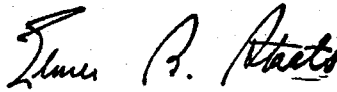


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the discounting technique is needed to enhance the quality and consistency of information concerning Federal programs which is presented to the Congress for its consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James B. Stacks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Comptroller General
of the United States

The Honorable William Proxmire, Chairman
Joint Economic Committee
Congress of the United States