

**United States Government Accountability Office** Washington, DC 20548

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Mr. Carl Malamud Public.Resource.Org. Inc 1005 Gravenstein Highway North Sebastopol, CA 95472

Dear Mr. Malamud:

This letter responds to your April 15, 2008, request for electronic copies of "[t]he 1.2 million pages that GAO scanned and [are] available on the GAO internet." In response to your request, GAO began copying onto DVDs the legislative histories that GAO had previously scanned during a pilot project.

We have agreed to much of your request for information and waived the fees involved. However, please be advised that as a result of the imperfect quality of many of the digital legislative histories that GAO had scanned during the pilot project, GAO chose not to retain its scanned copies of particular histories once Thomson West provided GAO free electronic access to better quality digital versions. We are enclosing nine (9) DVDs containing the 207 legislative histories that remain from GAO's pilot scanning project and one (1) DVD containing instructions and file information.

Finally, please be advised that GAO has withheld all internal records such as bill comments, notes, memos, drafts, and letters pursuant to 4 C.F.R. § 81.6(j), which provides that records that are part of the deliberative process are exempt from release. In accordance with 4 C.F.R. § 81.4(d), further consideration of your request, to the extent that it has been denied, may be obtained by an appeal letter to the Acting Comptroller General of the United States setting forth the basis for your belief that the partial denial of your request is unwarranted.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy P. Bowling

Chief Quality Office

**Enclosures**