



Director

October 30, 2003

The Honorable C.W. Young  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515-6015

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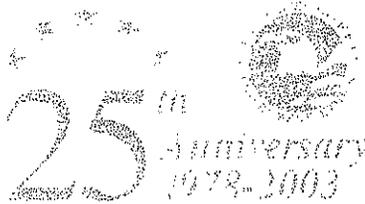
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Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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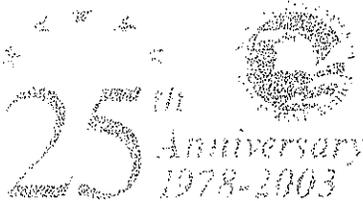
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United States House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20516-6143

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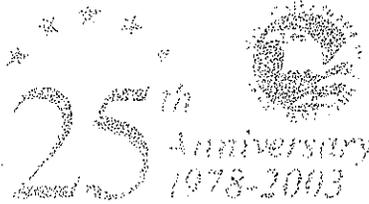
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Committee on Government Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
B-350A Rayburn House Office Building  
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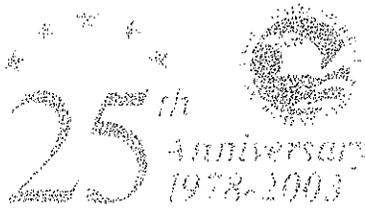
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