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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

August 20, 1999

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Dear Mr. McKeever,

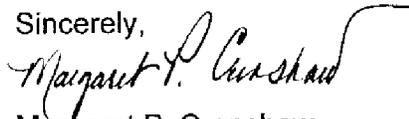
On August 18, 1999, you filed an Appeal of the partial denial of a Request under the Freedom of Information Act submitted by Piper & Marbury L.L.P., on July 19, 1999. The initial Request sought the Commission's *Report to the Congress 1998 International Mail Volumes, Costs and Revenue*, and a copy of all data and information supplied by the Postal Service that the used or referred to in preparing this report.

The Commission was in the process of reviewing a separate request for the Report to Congress, and on July 28, 1999 your request as to the report was answered with a copy subject to some redaction, as explained in the transmittal. These redactions are the subject of your Appeal.

The Commission is also processing your request for data and information supplied by the Postal Service. The Service indicated when it provided the materials you have requested that it viewed this information as sensitive and therefore not subject to disclosure, and the Commission is providing the Service with the opportunity to provide a more fully detailed justification for its position. It is expected that a response on the remainder of your request will be forthcoming shortly.

The two aspects of the Piper & Marbury L.L.P. Request may raise the same or closely related issues. For this reason, it may be most efficient to review all appeals flowing from the Request at once. However, as a formal appeal has been submitted on the initial response to the Request, the Commission will proceed to review that appeal unless you inform us that it is your preference to have all aspects of the Request reviewed simultaneously.

Sincerely,



Margaret P. Crenshaw
Secretary