

January 3, 1994

TO: David

FROM: Sheryl

RE: Government Printing Office account

In the meeting that you, Tom and Tracy had at the Government Printing Office (GPO) with an account representative, Fred Whitney, the question arose whether we can deal directly with GPO or are required to go through GSA, as do other presidential commissions.

I spoke today with Tony Zagami from GPO's Office of General Counsel (512-0033), who said that we can deal directly with GPO. Because we are an independent federal agency, with appropriated funds and the authority to commit them, we are not required to go through GSA. Presidential commissions, in contrast, must go through GSA because they draw their funds from a central single account administered by GSA for all commissions that GSA oversees to ensure that commissions do not spend over their budgets.

To set up an account number, we need to contact GPO's customer service office. Zagami suggested we call Bob Cox (512-0238), tell him that Zagami and I have spoken about this and that Zagami referred us to him, and ask him to set up our account so that we can be billed directly for services. (Zagami said we will need to provide them with our federal account number (he referred to it as a "syback" number) in order to set up the account for us.)

cc: Tom, Tracy