MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

CHAIRMAN OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

CHAIRMAN OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER, U.S. COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

The Chairman of the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology (FCCSET) has reported to me that the three-step review of Federal dam safety activities, which I directed in my April 23, 1977 Memorandum, has been completed. Results of this unprecedented Federal and independent review process reveal generally sound Federal dam safety practices, but show that there remain several areas where Departmental or Agency action should be taken.

While many departments and agencies have already begun to strengthen their procedures as a result of this review, the main follow-up must be initiated. Therefore, I ask that the head of each Federal agency responsible for or involved with planning, site selection, design, construction, certification or regulation, inspection, maintenance and operation, repair, removal or technical assistance, or control disposition of dams adopt and implement the Federal guidelines, as applicable.
Further, each Department and Agency Head should submit, no later than January 31, 1980, a report to the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), indicating the progress toward implementing the guidelines and the major recommendations for improving dam safety.