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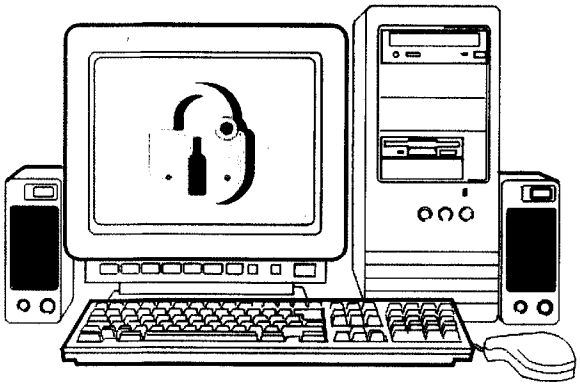

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TO: THE COMMISSION

We hereby submit Audit Report No. OIG-AR-02-01, *Evaluation of the U.S. International Trade Commission's Information Security Program*, for the Commission's implementation of our recommendations. In accordance with the Government Information Security Reform Act (GISRA), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-01-24, dated June 22, 2001, this report supports the Office of Inspector General's independent evaluation of the Commission's information security program.

Although the report identified a number of deficiencies and made 19 recommendations, the Commission has taken important actions recently to improve information security. These include appointing an Information Security (INFOSEC) Officer, initiating annual security awareness training, and issuing ITC Directive 1340. Further, the Office of Information Services has designed and implemented firewall controls to prevent and detect external intrusion attempts to the network. Finally, the Office of Administration and the Office of the Secretary have established and implemented control structures for their systems.

I want to acknowledge the cooperation and courtesy shown to the Office of Inspector General by all Office Directors, and in particular the Director, Office of Information Services, and his staff, during the conduct of this audit.

Kenneth F. Clarke
Inspector General

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