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Honorable Harold D. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

In writing to you on February 6 of this year about possible recommendations for action under the Reorganization Act of 1945, I mentioned that one of the questions being studied was the transfer of two divisions from the National Bureau of Standards to the Office of Domestic Commerce.

Our studies have now been completed, and I now wish to recommend to the President that the Divisions of Commercial Standards and Simplified Trade Practices be transferred within the Department. Attached are drafts of a section of a reorganization plan to carry out this transfer and a statement on the proposal for possible inclusion in a Presidential message. There is also enclosed a copy of a recent letter to the Policy Committee on Standards which discusses the transfer in terms of the Department's general policy and program in the field of standardization.

I hope that it may be possible to include this proposal in a reorganization plan submitted to the Congress at this session so that the transfer would take place on or about the beginning of the fiscal year 1947.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. WALLACE

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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