§ 81.1 Purpose and scope of part.

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(c) Requests for all other GAO records are within the scope of this part and should be submitted to GAO as directed in paragraph (a) of §81.4.

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