



UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1100

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COMPTROLLER

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is to report the Antideficiency Act violation, Navy case number 07-05, totaling \$65,348.01, as required by Title 31, United States Code, Section 1517(b). The violation was detected when United States Naval Observatory personnel needed to post expenditures to an existing contract and fiscal year 2001 Navy Operation and Maintenance funds were not available within the appropriation suballotment. The overobligation resulted in a violation of Title 31, United States Code, Section 1517(a).

Ms. Gail Witcher, General Schedule-14, Comptroller and Ms. Wanda Ferguson, General Schedule-12, Operating Accountant, were found responsible for the violation. Ms. Witcher received a verbal reprimand and Ms. Ferguson has retired from government service and no disciplinary action was administered. The Navy concluded there was no knowing or willful violation of the Antideficiency Act.

To prevent a reoccurrence of this type of violation, the Navy redefined department responsibilities and instituted a standard and auditable financial feeder system at the United States Naval Observatory. Comptroller personnel also completed a refresher appropriations law course.

Enclosed is a letter and report from the Director, Budget Policy and Procedures Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller) transmitting the violation of Title 31, United States Code, Section 1517(a). Copies of the letter and report were submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Respectfully yours,

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The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the Senate
285 Eisenhower Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

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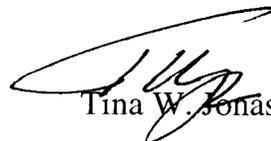
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Washington, DC 20515

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