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**Mr. Alan C. Nelson
Commissioner
Immigration & Naturalization Service
425 I Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20536**

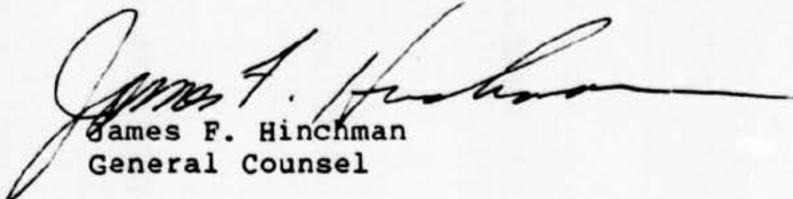
Dear Mr. Nelson:

Enclosed is a copy of our decision of today on the bid protest filed in our Office by Computer Sciences Corporation against the award of a contract to Computer Data Systems, Inc., under Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) solicitation No. CO-8-88.

Although we have denied the protest, we recommend that, for the reasons stated, INS advise the company selected for the award of the agency's decision only after the contract is formally awarded.

Please advise us of the action taken on our recommendation.

Sincerely yours,



James F. Hinchman
General Counsel

Enclosure