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[Current Status of Trust Agreement]

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Dear Mr. Kratz:

Reference is made to your letter of February 5, 1981 requesting that we notify you of the current status of the trust of which Ms. Frances Daywalt was a beneficiary for life and that we send you a copy of this trust agreement.

As stated previously in our April 21, 1975 letter to Senator Cranston, our Office, without further information, is unable to consider favorably the claim of the heirs of Ms. Daywalt whom you represent. Despite your furnishing us with some additional facts concerning this transaction, we are unable to satisfy your new request. We would not normally be the repository of such an agreement and in the absence of the trust document or other independent evidence strongly demonstrating the existence and terms of this trust, we cannot be of assistance.

We suggest that you submit as much information as you have to both the Bureau of Public Debt of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch of the National Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration. With this additional information, they now may be able to find some record of this trust. Without a copy of the trust agreement or independent evidence describing its existence and terms, it is unlikely any Federal agency will be able to help your clients.

Again, we are sorry that we cannot be of more assistance in this matter, but, as indicated above, this Office does not maintain copies of trust agreements or other documents which can help establish your client's claim.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Hunter

Robert H. Hunter
Assistant General Counsel



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