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Mr. J. Bruce Siff  
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Dear Mr. Siff:

We refer to your letter of January 2, 1979, concerning your claim for reimbursement of expenses totaling \$361.14 incurred in the transportation of your household goods to an alternate destination incident to your separation travel from Izmir, Turkey, to Buffalo, New York, while formerly employed by the Department of the Air Force. AG-100035

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As we stated previously, our records contain a copy of your Application for Shipment of Household Goods, Department of Defense (DD) Form 1299, dated August 2, 1971, which requests that your household effects be shipped from Izmir, Turkey, to Niagara Falls, New York. This copy of DD Form 1299 does not show your signature or the reason for nonavailability of your signature. You request that we reexamine such form. You state that at the time it was initiated, you were incapacitated and do not recall giving such instruction. You report that while you were in the clinic, by telephone, you verbally advised that your effects be sent to Washington, D.C., and that the person who prepared the Form 1299 made the initial error. Therefore, obtaining the original DD Form 1299, dated August 2, 1971, is of utmost importance for further consideration of your claim.

In our letter of November 30, 1978, we stated that the documents relating to the return shipment of your household goods from Izmir, Turkey, to Buffalo, New York, including the DD Form 1299, should be on file at the Accounting and Finance Center, Headquarters, Department of the Air Force, at the stated address. You may wish to write the Center to obtain the pertinent documents, particularly the Form 1299.

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With respect to obtaining the original documents pertaining to the initial shipment of your household effects from Manassas, Virginia, and Falls Church/Fairfax, Virginia, to Yamanlar, Turkey, we have been recently informed by the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, Cameron Station, Virginia, that such records have been destroyed.

The Comptroller General of the United States has recently issued a decision, Matter of Jimmie A. Lewellen, B-191143, January 3, 1979, in which the facts and circumstances therein involved are somewhat similar to your claim. We are enclosing a copy of this decision for your use, information, and guidance.

Again, we hope that the foregoing information will be of assistance to you in the resolution of your claim.

Sincerely yours,

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