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The Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate

Dear Senator Cranston:

By memorandum of March 19, 1973, you forwarded to us statements and information contained in a letter dated February 13, 1973, from Mr. P. E. "Teak" Killion concerning the plan of the General Services Administration (GSA) to replace Kiwanis International peace and friendship markers with similar Government markers at various U.S. border stations. You asked whether a Federal expenditure for GSA markers is appropriate when the Kiwanians are willing to donate markers.

GSA told us that it has no plan to replace Kiwanis markers with similar Government markers. GSA has proposed having about 10 of the Kiwanis markers moved off Federal property onto State or private property. According to GSA, a representative of Kiwanis International tentatively agreed to accept the GSA proposal on March 22, 1973, in the office of Senator Mark Hatfield.

Upon implementation of the proposal, the issue described in Mr. Killion's letter apparently will be resolved. If for some reason the proposal is not implemented, we will be glad to undertake further inquiry, if you desire.

We did not ask GSA to formally comment on the contents of this letter, nor did we give GSA a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Comptroller General
of the United States

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