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The Honorable John E. Moss
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Moss:

This is in response to your letter of September 12, 1973, regarding the propriety and legality of the purchase of 8,000 square yards of carpeting to be used in two warehouse sections at McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, California.

We found that:

- The carpeting was part of an improvement program that included painting and partitioning of two sections in former warehouse facilities. These facilities have been used as general-purpose office space since 1965. The former occupants of the sections moved to other buildings and thus facilitated the improvement program.
- The improvements were made in anticipation of the transfer of about 350 employees from the Oklahoma Air Materiel Area to the Sacramento Air Materiel Area. The transfer is part of an overall Air Force consolidation program to centralize various functions; i.e., repair of selected avionics. The transfer had not begun when we concluded our review.
- The Commander, Sacramento Air Materiel Area, obtained approval from higher authorities to install the carpeting as required by Air Force Manual 67-1, paragraphs 15a and b.
- Appropriate fiscal year 1974 funds earmarked for office equipment were used for the purchase.
- The carpeting was purchased through the General Services Administration.

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Our review showed nothing to indicate that the purchase of carpeting was not proper or legal.

The cost of the carpeting was \$49,105, including transportation. As of mid-October 1973, 5,557 square yards had been installed.

We trust this information responds to your needs. We shall be pleased to discuss this information with you or members of your staff if you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Gutmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle of the letters.

R. W. Gutmann
Director