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DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-192195

DATE: July 7, 1978

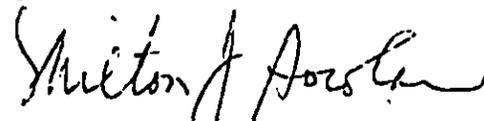
MATTER OF: Salamander Security Systems, Inc.

DIGEST:

Where protest is filed with GAO more than 10 working days after receipt by protester of denial by contracting activity of original protest to activity, protest is untimely filed and not for consideration.

Salamander Security Systems, Inc. (Salamander), by its letter of May 8, 1978, protested to the procurement officer the award of contract No. F08620-78-M1008 to another firm by the Base Procurement Division, Hurlburt Field, Department of the Air Force. This protest was denied by the contracting activity in its May 19 letter, which Salamander received by May 24 at the latest. Salamander protested to our Office by letter of June 12 which was received on June 19.

It is provided in our Bid Protest Procedures (see 4 C.F.R. § 20.2(a) (1977)) that a protest filed initially with the contracting activity must be filed with our Office within 10 working days of the protester's receipt of the initial denial by the contracting activity of the protest in order for it to be considered timely by our Office. Since the Salamander protest was received by our Office 17 days, at the minimum, after Salamander received notice of the denial of its protest by the activity, the protest is untimely and will not be considered.

for 
Paul G. Dembling
General Counsel