

Mr. Metcalf
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DECISION



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

FILE: B-196054

DATE: June 27, 1980

MATTER OF: Robert D. Schmidt

DIGEST: Employee reimbursed under the provisions of paragraph 2-8.2d, FTR, for expenses of shipment of his household goods upon transfer to a new official station where he lived in temporary quarters for nearly 2 years after being advised he would subsequently be relocated, may not be reimbursed expenses incurred in shipping these household goods to permanent quarters within the area after the relocation was cancelled.

Mr. Robert D. Schmidt requests reconsideration of our Claims Division's August 10, 1979 denial of his claim for reimbursement of household goods shipping expenses. Since the expenses claimed were incurred after he was reimbursed for expenses of shipment of his household goods from a place of residence at the last official station to a place of residence at the new official station and a second move is not authorized, we affirm the denial of his claim.

Mr. Schmidt was promoted to a position with the United States Marshals Service with initial location in Washington, D.C., and a planned relocation to Dallas, Texas, in approximately 1 year. He sold his residence in San Diego, California, and after reporting for duty in Washington, on September 8, 1975, he leased a home in Springfield, Virginia, rather than purchasing a home since he anticipated the move to Dallas. On May 16, 1977, the planned transfer to Dallas was cancelled and Mr. Schmidt's Washington assignment was made permanent. He then purchased a residence in Haymarket, Virginia, 30 miles from the leased residence in Springfield and moved his household goods on June 25, 1977.

Payment for cost of the second move of the household goods is sought on the basis that Mr. Schmidt leased his residence rather than purchasing upon his arrival in the Washington area in an attempt to create a savings for the Government.

While Mr. Schmidt's assignment was changed in June 1977 when it was decided that he would not be transferred to Dallas, his official station remained the same. Mr. Schmidt has been reimbursed

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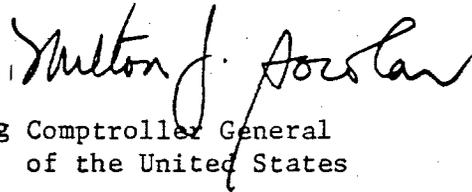
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for shipment of his household goods from his former residence in California to his new residence in Virginia upon arrival at his new official station in 1975. Although paragraph 2-8.2d of the Federal Travel Regulations allows Government payment for shipment of a transferred employee's household goods whether the shipment originates at the employee's last official station or some other point, the total amount paid may not exceed the cost of transporting the property in one lot by the most economical route from the last official station to his new official station. B-166962, June 27, 1969, and B-189968, March 31, 1978.

Mr. Schmidt has received all that the regulations authorize. A second move is not authorized. While it is unfortunate that he may have incurred additional expense, there is no legal basis for payment of any additional expenses he may have incurred.

Accordingly, the action of our Claims Division denying Mr. Schmidt's claim is affirmed.

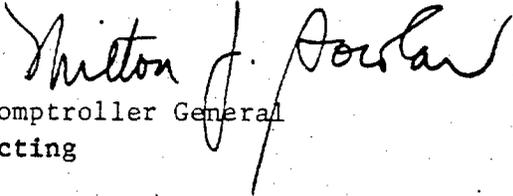


Acting Comptroller General
of the United States

Memorandum

June 27, 1980

TO : Associate Director, FGMSD - Claims Group (Room 5858)

FROM : 
Comptroller General
Acting

SUBJECT: Appeal of claim for reimbursement of household goods
shipments expenses - Robert D. Schmidt - B-196054-O.M.

Attached is Claims File No. Z-2803364 and a copy of decision B-196054 dated today sustaining the denial of the claim in the subject case.

Attachments.- 2