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

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

This is in reply to your letter of April 26, 1966, asking reconsideration of our latest decision, B-155996, dated March 23, 1966, relating to the question of your entitlement to reimbursement for shipment of your wife's personal effects from Belgium to Bogota, Colombia, in 1959 and 1960.

You now claim on the basis that you were entitled to an increased weight allowance in August 1959 because of your marriage at that time, and apparently without regard to the travel orders transferring you from Haiti to Bogota in September 1957. We point out that our decisions on this matter have not been concerned with the weight allowance to which you were entitled but only with the fact that no extension of time was granted to you for shipment of additional household effects as required by the administrative regulations. In applying such regulations which are to the effect that shipment of additional household effects may not be deferred more than six months after completion of personal travel by the employee (unless extended) we must look to the transfer order of September 16, 1957. That order authorized your transfer from Haiti to Bogota, Colombia, including the shipment of 7,500 pounds of household effects. We find no amendment to that order whereby such allowance was reduced. But even assuming that you shipped only 4,000 pounds and would be entitled to a 7,500-pound allowance our conclusion would still be the same.

Since your agency failed to grant any extension of the time limitation for shipment of household effects to Bogota, Colombia, we are powerless to take any further action in the matter.

Very truly yours,

FRANK H. WEITZEL

Assistant Comptroller General
of the United States