

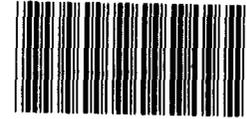


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Colonel Harold F. Alvord, USA
Commander
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Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Dear Colonel Alvord:

We recently completed an audit of the Department of the Army's fiscal year 1991 consolidated financial statements pursuant to the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-576). One purpose of these statements and our audit is to provide agency managers and the Congress with complete and reliable information to use in financing, managing, and evaluating Army programs. In order to do this effectively, the accounting records throughout the Army need to be as accurate as possible. During our audit, we identified adjustments necessary to correct the accounting records at 23 Army locations.

We presented adjustments to correct the Army's consolidated financial statements in a May 19, 1992, management letter (GAO/AFMD-92-68ML) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service. However, many of these adjustments were projections based upon statistical samples performed as part of our audit and were made only to the consolidated financial statements, not to the underlying records.

Enclosure I shows about \$221.2 million of adjustments made to the financial statements that also need to be recorded to correct the accounting records at the Pittsburgh District. We have discussed these adjustments with your staff and provided them with supporting documentation. They may have already recorded the adjustments. However, both of the adjustments should be made by the end of fiscal year 1992. If you have any questions or require our assistance in resolving these matters, please contact Terry Carnahan, Acting Associate Director, on (202) 275-7095.

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Please provide us your comments on these matters and a description of the actions taken within 30 days of the date of this letter. We are sending copies of this letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management; the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and the Comptroller of the Army.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Connor
Director, Defense Financial Audits

Enclosure

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA
 LIST OF PROPOSED GENERAL LEDGER
 ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM 1991
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

NO.	ACCOUNT TO BE ADJUSTED	GLAC	AMOUNTS		EXPLANATION
			DEBIT	CREDIT	
1	Unfeasible proj. Construction in progress	3310.141 1720	3,741,213.44	3,741,213.44	To transfer 38 projects identified as unfeasible in FY91 from work in progress to unfeasible projects.
2	Fixed assets, net Projects transferred Unfeasible projects Construction in progress	1700.00 3220.30 3310.14 1720	168,737,052.14 48,160,416.63 535,501.20	217,432,969.97	To remove projects from construction in progress and place in the appropriate accounts.
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS			221,174,183.41	221,174,183.41	

Note: General ledger account 3220.20 (projects transferred) is an equity account.