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The Honorable John R. Bolton  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division  
Department of Justice

Attention: Stephen J. McHale  
Ref: JRB:DMC:SMcHale:jmd 154-395-88C

Dear Mr. Bolton:

Subject: Connecticut Department of Children and Youth  
Services v. United States Cl. Ct. No. 395-88C

This is in response to your request dated July 15, 1988,  
concerning our report on the above-captioned case.

Our records reveal no outstanding claim by or against the  
plaintiffs. Furthermore, we have no factual knowledge  
regarding the case beyond that contained in this petition,  
and we know of nothing that would form the basis of a  
counterclaim or setoff.

You should be aware that GAO's data base of debt cases has  
become quite limited. When GAO and the Justice Department  
amended the Federal Claims Collection Standards in 1984, the  
requirement that agencies routinely refer uncollectible  
debts to GAO was deleted (4 C.F.R. § 105.1). Since that  
time, our data base has been decreasing as the older cases  
are disposed of. Therefore, to obtain a more reliable  
indication of outstanding indebtedness, you may wish to  
selectively consult other sources. Depending on the  
identity of the plaintiffs(s), these might include the Army  
Holdup List (government contractors), Department of  
Education (student loans), Veterans Administration, or Small  
Business Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Hunter  
Assistant General Counsel