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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

JUL 27 1977

Mr. William E. Dye
Chief of Police
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Chief Dye:

Your letter of June 20, 1977, requests our Office to take action in securing fines totaling \$280 due the City of Champaign by unnamed employees of the Federal Government for failure to pay parking fees while driving Government-owned vehicles.

As was indicated by our letter B-147420, June 23, 1976, a Federal employee may be reimbursed for parking meter fees incurred while driving a Government-owned vehicle incident to official business. However, there is no authority to use appropriated moneys for the payment of a fine imposed on a Government employee for a parking violation or other traffic offense committed by him while driving a Government-owned vehicle in the performance of his official duties. We have long held that such a fine is the personal responsibility of the employee and, if required to pay the same, he may not be reimbursed therefor from Government funds. 31 Comp. Gen. 246 (1952); cf. 44 Comp. Gen. 312 (1964). B-147420, April 18, 1968; B-173783, March 24, 1976 (copies enclosed).

It appears from your enclosure that the violations are identified only by license plate numbers of the Government vehicles and the dates and nature of the offenses. Since these are claims against individual employees and not against the Government, this Office can be of no further assistance to you. We suggest that you contact the General Services Administration Office and the appropriate Armed Services offices in your area to determine whether they may be able to aid you in the identification of the agencies assigned those cars. You will probably have to contact the individual agencies to determine the employees responsible for the vehicles on the dates involved. You will have to pursue any charges against the individuals involved.

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I am sorry we cannot be of more assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Rollee Lowenstein
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Enclosures