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Bear Mr. Secretary:

1.8-1745210 Enclosed is a copy of our decision of today, denying the protest of Coulter Electronics, Inc., under IFB \$4221291.

While we denied the protest, it should be noted that unauthorized advice was apparently given the company regarding the submission of a bid with a trade-in allowance. We therefore recommend that appropriate action be taken to prevent the release of unauthorized advice in future procurements.

The protest was the subject of a report deted September 1, 1972, from the Acting Director of Survey & Review. The file forwarded with that report is returned.

Sincerely yours,

R.F.KELLER

Deputy Comptroller General of the United States

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The Honorable The Secretary of the Interior