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Electronic Space Systems Corporation  
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Attention: Walter R. Moynihan, Esq.  
Vice President and Corporate Counsel

Gentlemen:

By telegram dated October 17, 1973, you requested that our Office reconsider our decision of the same date that your protest submitted by letter of September 26, 1973, was untimely under section 20.2 of our bid protest procedures and standards and would not be considered.

You contend that your protest should have been considered under section 20.2(b) of our procedures. It is your position that the refusal of the Department of the Navy to explain fully the reason for the rejection of your alternate technical proposal as unacceptable under step 1 of solicitation N00173-73-B-0025 constitutes an issue significant to procurement practices or procedures especially in view of the alleged restrictiveness of the specifications.

Our Office considers issues to be significant to procurement practices or procedures when they involve principles of widespread interest. We are not inclined to view a protest challenging an administrative determination of technical unacceptability as coming within this exception. 52 Comp. Gen. 20 (1972), copy herewith.

Accordingly, we are closing our file without further action.

Sincerely yours,

R.F.KELLER

Deputy Comptroller General  
of the United States

[Untimely Bid Protest]

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