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**DECISION**

*Ed Wirtanen*  
*Proc. II*  
**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548**

**FILE: B-168409**

**DATE: March 4, 1977**

**MATTER OF: Don C. Brill**

**DIGEST:**

Since GAO is without authority to settle claims against the Postal Service, contractor's claim for price increase under Postal Service contract is dismissed.

Don C. Brill has requested a price increase under a contract for the lease of an office building to the Postal Service on the grounds that costs have substantially increased and it is a hardship to perform the contract at the price stipulated in the contract.

Our Office will not render a decision on this matter since the Postal Service is not subject to our claims settlement authority. Rather, 39 U.S.C. § 401(8) (1970) vests the Postal Service with authority to settle its own claims. Custer Development Corporation, 53 Comp. Gen. 607, 610 (1974), 74-1 CPD 83.

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