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Aero Mayflower Transit Co., Inc.
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Attention: Ronald E. Timm
Vice President

Gentlemen:

Subject: GBL M-1,218,556

We again refer to your letter of February 9, 1978, pertaining to your claim for ocean freight charges of \$1,583.30.

As you may know, prior to the enactment of the ^{31 USC 520 note} General Accounting Office Act of 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-604, 88 Stat. 1959, the General Accounting Office was responsible for the auditing and adjusting of payments for transportation services furnished for the account of the United States. However, Pub. L. No. 93-604 amended the Transportation Act of 1940, 49 U.S.C. 667 (Supp. V, 1975), and transferred the authority for the audit of transportation payments from the Comptroller General to the Administrator of General Services, or his designee.

41 CFR

The General Services Administration (GSA) has promulgated regulations pertaining to its ^{41 CFR} audit of transportation services. 41 C.F.R. 101-41.601 (1977). Subpart 101-41.600 sets forth procedures applicable to the presentation, settlement, reconsideration, and review of claims against the United States relating to freight and passenger transportation services. The word "claim" is defined in subpart 101-41.601 and includes "Requests by claimants for amounts not included in the original billing." 41 C.F.R. 101-41.601(a) (1977).

Since your claim is for additional transportation charges not included in an original billing, this Office does not have the authority to consider it at this time. However, to prevent further delay, we are forwarding your claim, together with a report furnished to us by the Department of the Army, directly to GSA for its handling. And any further correspondence regarding your claim should be handled directly with that administration.

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We regret any inconvenience this may have caused you; however, we were unaware of the nature of your claim when it was first received here.

If your claim is disallowed by GSA, you may request reconsideration or review by GSA of its settlement action. 41 C.F.R. 101-41.700 (1977). After finality of action by GSA, you would then be entitled to a review of its action by the Comptroller General of the United States. 4 C.F.R. 53 (1977).

Sincerely yours,

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