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Dear Captain :

This responds to your February 6, 1991 appeal of our Claims Group's decision Z-2866688 regarding the retroactive applicability of Public Law 93-545 to computation of your basic and retired pay.

Upon review of the record, we find no error of law or fact in the Claims Group's decision. As a general rule, laws are effective from the date of their enactment unless another effective date is specifically provided. 34 Comp. Gen. 404 (1955); 38 Comp. Gen. 103 (1958). Therefore, since Public Law 93-545 was enacted effective December 24, 1974 without provision for retroactive application, and you retired on August 1, 1973, this statute has no effect upon your military retired pay. Accordingly, the Claims Group decision is affirmed.

Sincerely yours,

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General Counsel