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High-Skill Training: Grants from H-1B Visa Fees Meet Specific Workforce Needs, but at Varying Skill Levels

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Catastrophe Insurance Risks: The Role of Risk-Linked Securities and Factors Affecting Their Use

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[GAO-03-167T](#), October 3, 2002 (31 pages).

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Purchase Cards: Navy is Vulnerable to Fraud and Abuse but Is Taking Action to Resolve Control Weaknesses

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Travel Cards: Control Weaknesses Leave Army Vulnerable to Potential Fraud and Abuse

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