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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,
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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of April 28, 1948, relative to Office decision of January 15, 1948, sustaining settlements dated November 5 and December 2, 1946, wherein there was disallowed the sum of \$321.70 in connection with your claims for \$227.98 and \$93.72, covering charges alleged to be due on telephone accounts applying to the use of telephones Nos. GARFIELD 2902 and CENTRAL 8290 by the War Shipping Administration under contracts Nos. WSA-100t-45 and WSA-100t-1391, dated September 1, 1944, and December 13, 1945, respectively.

In compliance with your request there are enclosed herewith lists of the long-distance calls in controversy, together with copies of your statements of toll charges, wherein the reported personal calls of Mr. McKenna are encircled for identification purposes.

With respect to your further request for information as to how the said calls were determined to be personal, you are advised that such determination was made by the War Shipping Administration and that the information requested is not available in this Office. Also, you are advised that, in view of the requirements of section 4 of the act of May 10, 1939, 53 Stat. 738, as set forth in the decision of January 15, 1948, this Office would not be justified in questioning the determination in the matter as made by the War Shipping Administration. Accordingly, if any additional information in regard to such determination is desired, it is suggested that you communicate with the United States Maritime Commission, Washington 25, D. C., since the functions of the War Shipping Administration were transferred to the United States Maritime Commission on September 1, 1946, pursuant to the provisions of section 202 of Public Law 492, 79th Congress, approved July 8, 1946, 60 Stat. 501.

Respectfully,

For the Comptroller General
of the United States:

W. Fisher

Enclosures.

General Counsel.

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