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Dear Mr. O'Gorman:

This is in further reference to your letter of October 30, 1978, forwarding Mr. David C. Goodyear's request of October 4, 1978, for reconsideration of our decision Matter of David C. Goodyear, 56 Comp. Gen. 709 (1977), denying his claim for relocation expenses

By letter of January 3, 1979, we requested a power of attorney duly executed by Mr. Goodyear. In response to an inquiry from your office, we advised you by telephone on May 3, 1979, that no special form was necessary. Since that time we have not heard from your office.

In order to avoid further delay, we offer the following comments on the basis of the information provided by Mr. Goodyear in his letter of October 4, 1978. Mr. Goodyear presented evidence to show that prior to his transfer in May 1974 he had notice of the Marine Corps' plans to close the Marine Corps Supply Activity during the first 6 months of 1976. He appears to argue that such notice constitutes involuntary separation and that he is entitled to relocation expenses under Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) para. 2-1.5d (May 1973). The fact that he was aware of the impending base closing is not relevant. Rather, as we stated in our prior decision to Mr. Goodyear, the requirement is that he must have received formal notification of his impending involuntary separation in order to become entitled to relocation expenses under FTR para. 2-1.5d. There is no indication that Mr. Goodyear ever received a personnel action or other formal notice advising him that he was to be involuntarily separated.

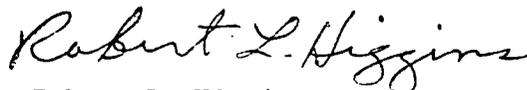
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Upon reviewing the other points raised by Mr. Goodyear, we find nothing which would support a finding that the transfer was in the interest of the Government.

Accordingly, we are closing our file on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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