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## DECISION

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-198145

DATE: March 28, 1980

MATTER OF: Gamco Industries

## DIGEST:

*Contract* GAO lacks authority to rule on [protest against award] of contract by Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco since GAO account settlement authority does not extend to Federal Reserve System banks.

Gamco Industries protests the award of a contract by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Our bid protest jurisdiction is based on our authority to adjust and settle accounts and to certify balances in the accounts of accountable officers under 31 U.S.C. §§ 71 and 74 (1976). Our account settlement authority, however, does not extend to Federal Reserve System banks. B-197063, January 14, 1980 and Johnson Controls, Inc., B-186634, January 13, 1977, 77-1 CPD 26.

The protest is dismissed.

*Harry R. Van Cleave*

for Milton J. Socolar  
General Counsel

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