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Mr. M. P. McLean, President
Sea-Land Service, Inc.
Post Office Box 1050
Newark 1, New Jersey

Dear Mr. McLean:

We have noted your telegram of March 13, 1961, to the Comptroller General and the copy sent to us of your letter of the same date to the Federal Maritime Administrator concerning your proposal to enter the intercoastal steamship trade without Government aid. It is our understanding that your proposal is being considered by the Maritime Administration in connection with the pending applications of American-Hawaiian Steamship Company and Luckenbach Steamship Company, Inc., for Government loan and mortgage insurance covering the proposed construction of containerhips for operation in the intercoastal trade.

In view of the specific jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce in matters of this nature and the consideration being given to your proposal, there is no basis for action by this Office.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. WEITZEL

Assistant Comptroller General
of the United States