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MAY 27 1976

The Honorable Claude Pepper
Member, United States House
of Representatives
Room 823 Federal Building
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Pepper:

Further reference is made to your September 30, 1975 letter on behalf of Ms. _____ a nurse in the Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), who has requested this Office to reconsider the settlement dated August 29, 1975, issued by our Claims Division that disallowed her claim for travel and transportation expenses incurred incident to her transfer from the Chicago Health Unit, Chicago, Illinois, to the Miami Health Unit, Miami, Florida.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of our decision of today B-185077 in the matter, wherein we point out that the transfer was made at the request of Ms. _____ and was not primarily in the interest of the Government. Further, Ms. _____ accepted the transfer after agency officials advised her that she would be responsible for relocation expenses. Consequently, she is not entitled to relocation expenses under the provisions of paragraph 2-1.3 of the Federal Travel Regulations (FPMR 101-7, May 1973). Accordingly, we have sustained the settlement that disallowed her claim.

We regret that a more favorable reply cannot be made and trust that this information will be useful in responding to your constituent.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
W. F. KELNER

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Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosure