

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

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February 2, 1973

Bowie, Maryland 20715

Dear Mr.

Further reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1972, requesting review of the payment to you of \$516.58 in settlement of your travel claim for \$621.70.

The record indicates that incident to relief from extended active duty with the United States Air Force on October 15, 1971, you were authorized travel and transportation allowances from Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, to your home of record, Montgomery, Alabama. Also, incident to your employment as a scarce category employee with the Department of the Navy, you were authorized travel expenses and per diem for yourself and transportation of your dependents and household effects from Montgomery, Alabama, to NATC, Patuxent River, Maryland. Your household effects were shipped directly from Florida to Maryland at a cost of \$1,249. The Department of the Air Force paid for such shipment and collected \$486.75 from you for the excess mileage involved. Under your Department of Navy authorization you claimed the amount of \$486.75 which you had paid for the shipment of your household effects to Maryland and \$134.95 for mileage and per diem incident to the travel of yourself and dependents from Montgomery, Alabama, to Patuxent River, Maryland, during the period October 20 to 22, 1971. The Department of the Navy forwarded your claim for \$486.75 incident to the shipment of your household effects to our Office for settlement since two transportation authorizations were involved.

Our Office determined that the shipment of your household effects was subject to the commuted rate provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-56 as provided by the Department of Navy authorization. Under this system the employee is paid an allowance based on the weight and distance of the shipment rather than the actual cost of such shipment. The actual reimbursement to the employee may be slightly more or less than the actual cost depending on the circumstances. In your case it was determined that the commuted rate allowance for the shipment of your household effects from Florida to Maryland was \$1,278.83. The payment of \$516.58 to you represents the total amount due less the

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sum of \$762.25 previously paid for the shipment by the Department of the Air Force. Regarding the travel and per diem portion of your claim, the record indicates that you were paid \$134.95 on Voucher No. F8062 by the Navy Regional Finance Center, Washington, D. C., on March 10, 1972.

In view of the above there is no further amount due.

Very truly yours,

Paul G. Dembling

Acting Comptroller General  
of the United States