



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

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The Honorable Donald E. Johnson
Administrator, Veterans Administration

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We refer to letter 1340 dated September 19, 1973, with enclosures, from the Director, Supply Service, Department of Medicine and Surgery, recommending that items 15 through 19 of negotiated contract No. V7977-46600 (purchase order No. 74-MC-40053) awarded to Longmont Turkey Processors, Inc., for raw frozen boneless turkey rolls be deleted. Relief is requested because the previous cost for raw turkey rolls was considerably higher than the cost for cooked turkey rolls and on the basis that the contracting officer should have requested bid verification before award since the prices quoted by the only other responsive bidder on items 15 through 19 were 31 to 89 percent higher than the prices quoted by Longmont.

We have reviewed the administrative file and, on the basis of the information contained therein, we agree with the Director of the Supply Service that the contracting officer should have requested verification of the bid prior to award. Accordingly, items 15 through 19 of the contract may be deleted as recommended.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL G. DEMBLING

For the Comptroller General
of the United States