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The Honorable John W. Warner United States Senator 805 Federal Building 200 Granby Mall Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Senator Warner:

This responds to your letter of July 11, 1988, concerning a bid protest filed in our Office by Norfolk Shipbuilding & Drydock Corp. (Norshipco) under Department of Transportation solicitation No. DTMA92-81-B-80201. The basis for Norshipco's protest was that the Department extended the time for the awardee, Steven's Technical, to furnish performance and payment bonds.

Enclosed are two copies of our decision of July 25 dismissing the protest. If you need any further information, my telephone number is

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Strong Deputy Associate General Counsel

Enclosures