



Office of the General Counsel

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The Honorable John R. Bolton  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division  
Department of Justice

Ref: JRB:DMC:GDKromberg:jcm:154-411-88

Dear Mr. Bolton:

Subject: Beauregard Parish Police Jury v. United  
States, Claims Court No. 411-88C

This is in response to your request dated July 20, 1988, for our report on the above-captioned case.

Our records reveal no outstanding claim by or against the plaintiff. Furthermore, we have no factual knowledge regarding the case beyond that contained in the petition, and we know of nothing that would form the basis of a counterclaim or setoff.

You should be aware that GAO's data base of debt cases has become quite limited. When GAO and the Justice Department amended the Federal Claims Collection Standards in 1984, the requirement that agencies routinely refer uncollectible debts to GAO was deleted (4 C.F.R. § 105.1). Since that time, our data base has been decreasing as the older cases are disposed of. Therefore, to obtain a more reliable indication of outstanding indebtedness, you may wish to selectively consult other sources. Depending on the identity of the plaintiff(s), these might include the Army Holdup List (government contractors), Department of Education (student loans), Veterans Administration, or Small Business Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Hunter  
Assistant General Counsel