



Office of the General Counsel

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July 25, 1988

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

Subject: Suntip Co., an Oregon Partnership v. United States
Cl. Ct. No. 399-88C

Dear Mr. Bolton:

This is in response to your communication dated July 19, 1988, requesting a litigation report in connection with the subject suit.

We have no relevant records or information concerning the factual or legal issues involved. Our records contain no information regarding the matter being litigated nor do they indicate a claim or other demand against the plaintiff which might furnish the basis for a counterclaim or setoff in this case.

You should be aware, however, that our Office's data base of debt cases has become quite limited. When the General Accounting Office and the Justice Department amended the Federal Claims Collection Standards in 1984, the requirement that agencies routinely refer uncollectible debts to our Office 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 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.

If you need any further information from our Office, my telephone number is .

Sincerely yours,

Jerold D. Cohen
Supervisory Attorney-Adviser