



United States
General Accounting Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

Office of the General Counsel

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May 13, 1988

Dear _____ :

This is in response to our telephone conversation of April 28, 1988, initiated by the undersigned, in order to discuss your earlier letter of inquiry addressed to the Comptroller General of the United States. Your inquiry concerned your claim for living quarters allowances, and transportation entitlements. You point out that your claim is based upon your previous status as a locally hired teacher in the Department of the Air Force overseas dependent school in Madrid. You state that you were hired on March 29, 1960, and that you elected retirement effective September 23, 1983.

As we discussed in our telephone conversation, decisions of the Comptroller General generally are issued to an accountable officer or the head of an agency when a payment to be made or certified for payment raises a question involving the legality of the expenditure. 31 U.S.C. § 3529 (1982). When an individual employed by a Federal agency has a monetary claim against his agency then he may seek an adjudication of the claim by the Claims Group of the U.S. General Accounting Office. See Part 31 volume 4 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

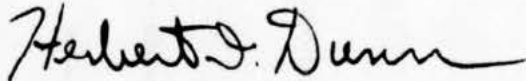
As we discussed in our telephone conversation of April 28, 1988, and as indicated above, you are not an official entitled to request a decision of the Comptroller General. In the course of our telephone conversation you pointed out that you have written to many people concerning your claim and that much emotional and physical energy had been spent in the process. Therefore, you stated that you did not wish to pursue your claim yet again if the prognosis for success was not favorable. As I noted in our conversation, without further information and documentation in your possession or in the possession of the Air Force it would be very difficult for me to assess your claim. Further, even with additional information, the procedures of this Office would

preclude me from making a prognostication concerning your claim.

As we further discussed in our telephone conversation, if you have exhausted the administrative review process with the Department of the Air Force, you may request the appropriate official with the Department of the Air Force to forward your claim to our Office with a request for decision in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 3529 (1982). You responded that you would give further consideration to this approach if you wished to pursue your claim.

Therefore, no further action will be taken on your claim by the General Accounting Office at this time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbert I. Dunn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Herbert I. Dunn
Senior Attorney