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Attention: Steven W. Budd, Esq.

Gentlemen:

We refer to your letter dated August 18, 1987, on behalf of Electronic Systems USA, Inc. protesting as unduly restrictive of competition the specifications of invitation for bids No. N62474-85-B-9344, issued by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command for work to be performed at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California.

The Navy has advised us by letter of September 24 that after considering the protest it has concluded that further investigation is necessary in order to determine whether the solicitation's requirement for the use of only Honeywell-brand equipment--to which you object--is in fact necessary. Pending further investigation, the Navy assures us, no actions prejudicial to your client's interests will be taken.

Since the Navy apparently has suspended the processing of this procurement while it further investigates your allegations it is not now proposing to take action in contravention of your protest. We therefore are closing our file in this matter. Should the Navy in the future propose to take a procurement action with which you disagree, we will re-open the file upon receipt of a timely protest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Strong".

Robert M. Strong  
Deputy Associate  
General Counsel