



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

B-224908.5

May 19, 1987

The Honorable Thomas M. Foglietta
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Foglietta:

This responds to your letter of April 20, 1987, to the Comptroller General, expressing interest in the requests for reconsideration filed by the Aydin Corporation and the Department of the Army concerning our recent decision in Loral Terracom; Marconi Italiana, B-224908 et al., Feb. 18, 1987, 66 Comp. Gen. _____, 87-1 CPD ¶ 182. Our enclosed decision affirms the original decision, but alters the remedy by permitting the award to Aydin to stand.

As for the concern you express regarding our reconsideration procedures, which are set forth at 4 C.F.R. § 21.12 (1986), copy enclosed, it is our standard practice to have the same attorneys involved in the original decision also handle reconsideration requests arising from that decision. A request for reconsideration is not an appeal to another forum. Rather, it is a request that the Comptroller General reconsider his initial decision in light of the information provided in the request. Our reconsideration procedures in this respect are comparable to those used by the courts in similar proceedings, and as in proceedings before a court, this Office remains objective and neutral in matters brought before it. Thus, upon a proper showing of error in our initial decision we will modify or reverse the decision as appropriate.

We trust that this responds to your concerns in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure