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Office of the General Counsel

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Colonel Eugene Stevens, USAF, Retired
3055 Nob Hill Drive
Casper, Wyoming 82601

Dear Colonel Stevens:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 15, 1986, addressed to the Comptroller General in which you question the action taken by the Air Force in the collection of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) cost which was not withheld from your retired pay following your remarriage. The record shows that the SBP cost was not collected for the period October 1, 1983, through February 28, 1986, creating an undercollection in the amount of \$2,223.59. After deduction of \$555.93 from your April 1986 retired pay for these costs, future deductions were established at \$50 per month beginning May 1, 1986, and continuing until the undercollected costs are paid.

Your application dated May 27, 1986, for waiver of the \$2,223.59 underdeduction of SBP cost was denied by the Air Force on December 8, 1986. Your appeal of the denial forwarded by the Air Force to the General Accounting Office on January 21, 1987, was received January 30, 1987, and has been assigned claim No. Z-2879915-121 by the Claims Group, General Government Division of our Office, which is the organization within the General Accounting Office assigned the initial responsibility by the Comptroller General to consider requests for waiver of debts. You will be advised as soon as a determination has been made.

Any further correspondence concerning this matter should be directed to the Claims Group and should refer to the claim number.

Sincerely yours,

David F. Engstrom
Deputy Assistant General Counsel

cc: Claims Group, GGD