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Dear Mr. :

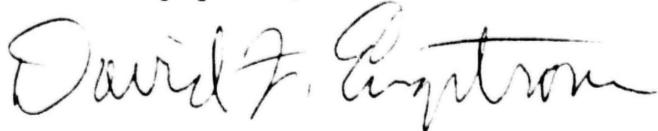
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 10, 1986, addressed to the Comptroller General of the United States, in which you question the denial of payments for unused accrued leave you say you had when you were discharged from the Air Force under other than honorable conditions.

For a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to be paid for accrued leave to his credit at the time of his discharge, he must have been discharged "under honorable conditions." This requirement is a requirement of the statute authorizing payment for accrued leave upon discharge (37 U.S.C. § 501(e)(1) (1982)), and it is applicable to members of all components of the uniformed services.

It is applicable whether or not a member was subject to pay forfeiture under a court-martial sentence.

We trust this information will serve the purpose of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,



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