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William S. Pickett, President  
Keith & Pickett, Inc.  
6711 New Hampshire Avenue  
Tacoma Park, Maryland 20783

Subject: Keith & Pickett, Inc.  
Contracts Nos: DACA31-81-C-0053  
Cameron Station  
Alexandria, Virginia

DAHC30-80-C-0060  
Fort Myer  
Arlington, Virginia  
DOL File Nos: VA-84-177 and VA-84-379

Dear Mr. Pickett:

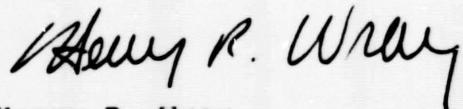
The Assistant Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated April 29, 1985, has recommended to our Office that the names Keith & Pickett, Inc., and William S. Pickett, individually and as President, be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 276a to 276a-5 (1982)), with respect to the above-referenced contracts.

We concur with the Assistant Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to debar persons and firms whom he finds have disregarded their obligations to their employees under the act. See 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record in this case confirms that there were substantial violations which constitute a disregard of obligations to your employees with respect to the minimum wage provisions of the Act.

Accordingly, your name and that of Keith & Pickett, Inc., will be included on the list of ineligible bidders to be distributed to all departments of the Federal government. Pursuant to statutory direction (40 U.S.C. § 276a-2), no contract shall be awarded to Keith & Pickett, Inc., or to

you, or to any other firm, corporation, partnership or association in which you have an interest until 3 years have elapsed from the date of publication of that list.

Sincerely yours,



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Associate General Counsel

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