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The Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senator
230 S. Dearborn
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Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Senator Simon:

We refer to your September 12, 1986 letter concerning our dismissal of the protest filed by Mr. Howard Haft of the Art Specialty Company, Inc.

By letter dated September 5, Mr. Haft requested that we reconsider our initial dismissal.

On September 15, we issued our decision on Mr. Haft's request for reconsideration. That decision (copy enclosed) affirmed the original dismissal action and explained why the protest was untimely and therefore was not considered. As the decision states, Mr. Haft was required to protest to us within 10 working days of his receipt of the denial of the protest he filed with the General Services Administration (GSA). Mr. Haft did not file a protest with us, however, until almost two months after GSA denied his protest, and we dismissed the protest for that reason. There is no further administrative remedy available to Mr. Haft.

Sincerely yours,

for Seymour E. ...
Harry R. Van Cleve
General Counsel

Enclosure