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The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

Subject: Federally Chartered Corporation: Review of the Financial Statement Audit
Reports for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we reviewed the audit reports covering the financial statements of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, a federally chartered corporation, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1998 and 1999. The corporation's purpose is to collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to "The Day of Infamy, 7 December 1941", and in particular those memories and records of patriotic service performed by the heroic Pearl Harbor survivors and nonsurvivors.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. 10101 to

- present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements,
- obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant, and
- submit the auditor's report and the corporation's financial statements to the Congress.

The objective of our review was to determine whether the audit reports complied with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we reviewed the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, reviewed the auditors' reports, and made inquiries to corporation officials or the auditors as we deemed necessary. We did not review the auditors' working papers.

The audit reports included the auditors' opinions that with one exception, the financial statements of the corporation were presented fairly, in all material respects, on a modified cash basis of accounting. The exception related to the fact the auditors did not observe the taking of the physical inventory and accordingly, were unable to give an opinion on the inventory amounts.

We are returning the audit reports you sent with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "C".

David L. Clark
Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison

Enclosure

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