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Lieutenant General Johnnie H. Corns, USA Commander, U.S. Army Pacific Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5100

Dear General Corns:

We recently completed an audit of the Department of the Army's fiscal year 1991 consolidated financial statements pursuant to the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-576). One purpose of these statements and our audit is to provide agency managers and the Congress with complete and reliable information to use in financing, managing, and evaluating Army programs. In order to do this effectively, the accounting records throughout the Army need to be as accurate as possible. During our audit, we identified adjustments necessary to correct the accounting records at 23 Army locations.

We presented adjustments to correct the Army's consolidated financial statements in a May 19, 1992, management letter (GAO/AFMD-92-68ML) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service. However, many of these adjustments were projections based upon statistical samples performed as part of our audit and were made to the consolidated financial statements, not to the underlying records.

Enclosure I shows about \$1.5 million of adjustments made to the financial statements that also need to be recorded to correct the accounting records at Fort Shafter. We have discussed these adjustments with your staff and provided them with supporting documentation. They may have already recorded some of the adjustments. However, all of the adjustments should be made by the end of fiscal year 1992. If you have any questions or require our assistance in resolving these matters, please contact Terry Carnahan, Acting Associate Director, on (202) 275-7095.

Please provide us your comments on these matters and a description of the actions taken within 30 days of the date of this letter. We are sending copies of this letter to the

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Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management; the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and the Comptroller of the Army.

Sincerely yours,

Havid M. Connor

Director, Defense Financial Audits

Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE I

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FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII LIST OF PROPOSED GENERAL LEDGER ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM 1991 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

ENCLOSURE I

NO.	ACCOUNT TO BE ADJUSTED	GLAC	DEBIT	AMOUNTS	CREDIT	EXPLANATION
1	Equipment in use Transfers in	1762 3220	79,261	.00	79,261.00	To adjust for equipment on the Training Support Center property book for FY91 which was not reported to the Finance and Accounting Office.
2	Refunds Receivable-Public A/R - Public - Current		37,685	,77	37,685.77	To correct for educational refunds due to the government which were erroneously recorded as Accounts Receivable-Public-Current rather than Refunds Receivable-Public.
3	Accrued pay-Fringe Benfts Personnel benefite-civ.		1,345,095	.30	1,345,095.30	To correct the accrued fringe benefits.
	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS				1,462,042.07	

Note: General ledger account 3220 (transfers in) is an equity account.