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Mr. Herschel J. Simmons
Administrative Officer

You have requested our views as to whether the proposal of the General Services Administration to institute an employee parking plan in the General Accounting Office Building through a contract with GSI is legally authorized.

While the matter is not entirely free from doubt since such an arrangement is not specifically authorized by law, I am of the opinion that GSA under its general authority for buildings' management is authorized to enter into such an arrangement with GSI on the basis that it is for the convenience and benefit of the employees of the building as a whole. Such an arrangement is not dissimilar to the present arrangements for operation of the cafeteria, vending machines, etc. Also, I see no legal objection to a charge to employees for the use of parking facilities. The assignment of a parking facility is not a right but a privilege which can be denied at the discretion of the agency responsible for the building management--in this case GSA. A charge for a parking facility would not be a charge for a right which an employee has by virtue of his employment.

I am not in a position to state an opinion as to whether the plan would achieve the desired objective.

(Signed) R. F. Keller

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