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Mr. Joseph A. Pagliasotti
Authorized Certifying Officer
Bureau of Mines
United States Department of the Interior
Building 20, Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225

Dear Mr. Pagliasotti:

We refer further to your letter of September 20, 1972, which transmitted for decision a voucher for in the amount of \$81.11 for travel performed on June 21, 1972, as an employee of your agency.

You state was in a leave status from June 19 - 30, 1972. The copy of the applicable travel orders issued June 7, 1972, prior to vacation shows that while he would be on leave at Penn Yan, New York, it would be necessary for him to return to his official duty station in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to attend an Interstate Mining Compact Commission meeting on June 21, 1972. It appears it was determined that notwithstanding the fact would be on approved leave, it would be advantageous to the Government to have him interrupt his leave for the purpose of attending the meeting at his headquarters. The orders in accordance with such determination provided for travel to Pittsburgh and return to Penn Yan. You have disallowed payment based on the decisions reported at 24 Comp. Gen. 443/(1944) and 39 id. 611/(1960).

Whereas in the instant case it was known prior to the granting of extended leave that it would be necessary to interrupt such leave period and travel was authorized from place of leave to headquarters and return, we have held that reimbursement may be made for the travel expenses involved. See B-168415, December 9, 1969, and B-158681, March 31, 1966, copies enclosed.

An employee is not entitled to per diem in lieu of subsistence at his headquarters. Also, since was in a travel status less than 6 hours, he is not entitled to per diem for travel time. See paragraph 6.6d(1), Standardized Government Travel Regulations.

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The voucher which is returned herewith may be certified for payment with exception of the amount claimed for per diem.

Sincerely yours,

R.F.KELLER

Deputy | Comptroller General
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Enclosures