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IN REPLY
REFER TO: B-194782

March 25, 1980

Mr. P. M. Baldino
Chief, Finance and Accounting Division
Resource Management Office
Office of the Chief of Engineers
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Mr. Baldino:

By letter dated December 18, 1979 (your reference DAEN-RMF-A), you have again requested that we grant relief to Messrs. Robert L. Hiatt, Project Manager and Thomas P. Long, Recreational Fee Cashier for loss of public funds in the amount of \$5,500 at the Kansas City District (Rathburn Project Office, Centerville, Iowa) Corp of Engineers.

As we pointed out in our decision of August 13, 1979, B-194782, it does not appear that Mr. Hiatt is an accountable officer and, therefore, relief need not be requested for him. As for Mr. Long, we have not received the required information to facilitate our review of the circumstances of the theft, as we requested in our decision. That decision states:

" * * * we would appreciate any investigation reports by law enforcement authorities concerning the details of the theft, including the FBI and sherrif's reports mentioned in the papers already submitted."

Further, we noted that the Corp's investigating officer found Mr. Long negligent. We need to know the basis for your concluding otherwise.

Consequently, at this time we are unable to grant relief to Mr. Long. If you wish to furnish us with the additional information we requested on August 13, together with your findings and the basis for your concluding that he was not negligent, we will then consider further the request for relief for Mr. Long.

Sincerely yours,

Rollee Efron
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