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Dear Ms. Tatigian:

This is in response to your letter of June 26, 1979, your reference: F96, MAR-AF, concerning the relocation expenses and temporary quarters and subsistence expenses of Mr. John M. McClure. We are not issuing a decision, since no expenses have been incurred at this time. However, the questions you asked seem to be answered by recent decisions of the Comptroller General.

Mr. McClure was transferred from Philadelphia to Bushkill, Pennsylvania, on February 18, 1979. At the time of his transfer, Mr. McClure's residence was in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, which is 81 miles from Bushkill and 84 miles from Philadelphia. You inquire whether Mr. McClure is entitled to reimbursement of relocation expenses and/or mileage in lieu of temporary quarters in connection with his transfer, since the distance between his old residence and new duty station is 3 miles less than the distance between his old residence and his old duty station.

We have enclosed copies of our decisions Matter of Harvey Knowles, B-193316, March 12, 1979 (58 Comp. Gen. ___), and Matter of Kenneth A. Wendland, B-193903, June 19, 1979. In Matter of Knowles we held that an employee was entitled to relocation expenses upon transfer where the duty stations were 77 miles apart and his residence was 43 miles from the old duty station and 45 miles from the new duty station. In Matter of Wendland we held that an employee is not entitled to temporary quarters and subsistence expenses unless the distance between his old

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residence and new duty station is more than 40 miles greater than the distance between his old residence and old duty station.

Sincerely yours,

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