

## United States General Accounting Office Washington, DC 20548

April 27, 2001

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives

Subject: Federally Chartered Corporation: Review of the Financial Statement Audit

Report for the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United

States of America, Inc. for 1999 and 1998

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we reviewed the audit report covering the financial statements of the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Inc., a federally chartered corporation, for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998. The corporation is an association of active, reserve, national guard, and retired non commissioned and petty officers of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. 10101 to

present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements,

obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant, and

submit the auditors' report and the corporation's financial statements to the Congress.

The objective of our review was to determine whether the audit report complied with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we reviewed the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, reviewed the auditors' report, and made inquiries to corporation officials or the auditors as we deemed necessary. We did not review the auditors' working papers. Our review disclosed no reportable instances of noncompliance.

The corporation reported that its liabilities exceeded its assets by approximately \$598,000 and \$541,000 at the end of 1999 and 1998, respectively. The audit report included the auditors' opinion that the financial statements of the corporation were presented fairly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We are returning the audit report you sent with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Managing Director Financial Management and Assurance

w/o Enclosure

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