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Attention: Reid E. Robison
[Request for Material under Freedom of Information Act]
Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letter dated December 19, 1978, requesting certain documents and information underlying a Settlement Certificate dated July 21, 1978, issued by our Claims Division [Claim No. Z-2621106(1)]. In the settlement the Claims Division disallowed a claim for \$2,844 filed by your client, TML Freight, Inc., in connection with damage to a shipment moving under Government bill of lading (GBL) No. K-5815917, issued September 19, 1974.

In your letter, you rely on the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, 4 C.F.R. 81 and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in requesting copies of certain documents.

While the General Accounting Office is not subject to the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, it is our policy to make the fullest possible public disclosure of records and information consistent with our function and to the extent not prohibited by law. Our regulations pertaining to "Public Availability of General Accounting Office Records" appear at 4 C.F.R. 81 (1978). We will regard your request as having been made pursuant to those regulations. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not apply to the General Accounting Office.

Your first request is for documents showing the present whereabouts of Mr. Merrill Hall, formerly



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transportation officer at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, now retired. That information is not available here but may be requested from the Department of the Air Force.

Your second request is for documents supporting statements contained in the Settlement Certificate dated July 21, 1973, indicating that the Government inspection upon delivery of the shipment moving under GBL No. K-5815917 showed damage to one of the crates involved and that the estimated repair cost of this damage was \$3,143.12. Enclosed are copies of the following documents: nine photographs taken of the damaged crate and contents; Department of the Air Force memorandum dated January 15, 1975, stating that the estimated repair costs to the four damaged tanks was \$3,143.12; In-checkers Discrepancy Statement dated September 24, 1974, indicating that the crate, containing four tanks, arrived broken, tanks exposed, and that the amount of damage would be determined upon inspection of the material; Receiving Dock Inspection sheet dated September 24, 1974, indicating that the crate arrived broken with the crated tanks exposed and that the pipes or tubes appeared bent; and original GBL No. K-5815917.

Sincerely yours,

~~MILTON SOCOLAR~~

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Enclosures