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C) Dear Senator Buckley:
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As requested we are returning the correspondence from Mr. George C. Walsh, Jr., concerning an article from the Wall Street Journal. The report cited in the article is our classified report to the Congress on the need for improvement in readiness of Strategic Army Forces, Department of the Army (B-146896, May 8, 1972). The information in the article was taken from the unclassified digest of the report. Enclosed for your information is a copy of this digest.

Our report did not attribute any of the maintenance problems on tanks to the manufacturer. Rather, the difficulties were due primarily to personnel problems, funding restrictions, and spare-parts support.

We trust this information will be useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Deputy

Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

The Honorable James L. Buckley
United States Senate

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