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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 Fleet Reserve Association for 2002*

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we reviewed the audit report covering the financial statements of the Fleet Reserve Association, a federally chartered corporation, for the year ended December 31, 2002. The corporation's purposes are to assist members and their families who may be in urgent need of assistance; assist in the recruitment of personnel for the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; and keep its members informed of United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard matters.

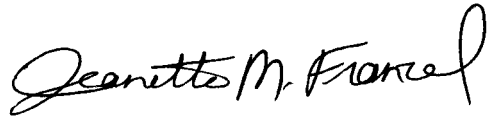
Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. §10101 to

- 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, and reviewed the auditors' report. However, we did not review the auditors' working papers, and we are not rendering an audit opinion. Our review disclosed no reportable instances of noncompliance with the financial reporting requirements of the law.

The audit report included the auditors' opinion that the financial statements of the corporation were presented fairly in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We are returning the audit report you sent with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanette M. Franzel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jeanette M. Franzel
Director
Financial Management and Assurance

w/o Enclosure

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