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Dear Mr. Sampson

The General Accounting Office has examined into the procurement of wiping rags and certain soap products by the Federal Supply Service for its stores stock program. Our examination was performed primarily at the FSS Central Office, Arlington, Virginia, and Region 5, Chicago, Illinois.

Our examination showed that it was FSS policy to either increase or decrease the invoiced amounts payable for reclaimed cotton wiping rags and certain soap products on the basis of tested moisture content of the products received. In January 1967, we discussed with FSS Central Office officials the necessity of increasing the invoiced amounts, known as premium payments. Subsequently, FSS revised the Federal specification for cotton wiping rags to eliminate the premium payments.

We noted that FSS had not made a similar revision of the Federal specifications for soap products. We believe that the cost of soap products to the Federal Government can be reduced by revision of FSS specifications to provide for the elimination of premium payments for moisture content. We suggest that FSS consider the feasibility of the revision.

We appreciate the cooperation given to our representatives during the examination. We will be pleased to discuss the subject of this letter with you or your staff, if desired.

Sincerely yours,

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