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IN REPLY  
REFER TO: B-138451 (RLR)

December 5, 1978

The Honorable Harrison H. Schmitt  
United States Senator  
300 West Arrington, Suite #320  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Dear Senator Schmitt:

This replies to your letter of September 29, 1978, transmitting a copy of a January 26, 1959, decision of the Comptroller General, B-138451, which sustained the disallowance of the claim of Mr. , for additional compensation for performing the duties of a higher grade position. Although your letter did not enclose a written request from , and of your staff has advised that he did not submit one, we gather that he seeks reconsideration of that decision.

Generally, the Comptroller General will reconsider decisions upon receipt of a timely request specifying the reasons why the holding is believed to be incorrect. In this case, however, nearly 20 years have elapsed since the decision was rendered, and we have been advised that the claim file was destroyed in accordance with prescribed records disposal procedures. Since has provided no new evidence or arguments to substantiate his claim, we have no basis upon which to reconsider the 1959 decision.

We regret that we are unable to resolve this matter in a manner more favorable to your constituent.

Sincerely yours,

Milton J. Socolar  
General Counsel