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Brigadier General Clara Adams-Ender, USA
Commander
Fort Belvoir
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-0001

Dear General Adams-Ender:

We recently completed an audit of the Department of the Army's fiscal year 1991 consolidated financial statements pursuant to the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-576). One purpose of these statements and our audit is to provide agency managers and the Congress with complete and reliable information to use in financing, managing, and evaluating Army programs. In order to do this effectively, the accounting records throughout the Army need to be as accurate as possible. During our audit, we identified adjustments necessary to correct the accounting records at 23 Army locations.

We presented adjustments to correct the Army's consolidated financial statements in a May 19, 1992, management letter (GAO/AFMD-92-68ML) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service. However, many of these adjustments were projections based upon statistical samples performed as part of our audit and were made only to the consolidated financial statements, not to the underlying records.

Enclosure I shows about \$118.4 million of adjustments made to the financial statements that also need to be recorded to correct the accounting records at Fort Belvoir. We have discussed most of these adjustments with your staff and provided them with supporting documentation. They may have already recorded some of the adjustments. However, all of the adjustments should be made by the end of fiscal year 1992. If you have any questions or require our assistance in resolving these matters, please contact Terry Carnahan, Acting Associate Director, on (202) 275-7095.

Please provide us your comments on these matters and a description of the actions taken within 30 days of the date

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of this letter. We are sending copies of this letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management; the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and the Comptroller of the Army.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Connor
Director, Defense Financial Audits

Enclosure

FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA
LIST OF PROPOSED GENERAL LEDGER
ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM 1991
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

NO.	ACCOUNT TO BE ADJUSTED	GLAC	AMOUNTS		EXPLANATION
			DEBIT	CREDIT	
1	Equipment in use Transfers in	1762 3220	61,048,317.00	61,048,317.00	To record Night Vision Lab property book items.
2	Equipment in use Transfers in	1762 3220	47,000,000.00	47,000,000.00	To record USA Information Systems Command property book items which were previously excluded.
3	Land Buildings Other struct. & facilities Appropriated capital	1710 1730 1740 3100	414,932.00 6,055,926.00 2,108,690.00	8,579,548.00	To adjust the general ledger which is understated due to an input error.
4	Transfers in Equipment in use	3220 1762	1,645,000.00	1,645,000.00	To correct accounts for two aircraft carried at a higher value than the current Army Master Data File prices.
5	Equipment in use Transfers in	1762 3220	175,000.00	175,000.00	To correct accounts for five aircraft carried at a lower value than the current AMDF prices.
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS			118,447,865.00	118,447,865.00	

Note: General ledger account 3220 (transfers in) is an equity account.