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Major General Donald R. Williamson, USA Commanding General U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command St. Louis, MO 63120-1798

Dear General Williamson:

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 \$4.2 billion of adjustments made to the financial statements that also need to be recorded to correct the accounting records at the Aviation Systems Command. 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 of this letter. We are sending copies of this letter to the

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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

David M. Connor Director, Defense Financial Audits

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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE I

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AVIATION SYSTEMS COMMAND, MISSOURI LIST OF PROPOSED GENERAL LEDGER ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM 1991 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

NO. ACCOUNT TO BE ADJUSTED GLAC AMOUNTS EXPLANATION DEBIT CREDIT 1 Equipment w/ contractors 1763 501,628,604.00 To record equipment in the hands Invested capital 3200 501,628,604.00 of contractors. 2 Invested capital 3200 1,033,661,359.00 To record government material in Inventories-GFM 1544 1,033,661,359.00 the hands of contractors. 3 Inventories-GFM 1544 41,549,354.00 To record contractor acquired Invested capital 3200 41,549,354.00 material in the hands of contractors. 1710 1,151,900.00 69,135,539.00 To record land and other 4 Land Other structures & fac. 1740 structures in the contractors' 70,287,439.00 possession. Invested capital 3200 1990 5 Other assets 1,028,024,742.00 To record military-peculiar Invested capital 3200 1,028,024,742.00 property in the hands of contractors. 1510 To record Army Materiel Command 6 Inventory for agcy ops 2,106,919.00 Invested capital 2,106,919.00 retail stock fund inventory. 3200 7 Equipment not in use 1766 1,500,000,000.00 To record equipment incorrectly 1,500,000,000.00 classified as inventory. Inventory for agcy ops 1510 TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS 4,177,258,417.00 4,177,258,417.00

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