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Commander Defense Contract Administration Services Region, Philadelphia P.O. Box 7478 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101



Dear Sir:

We have made an examination of the December 1969 voucher account submitted by Major John Lawton under Air Force disbursing symbol 5908. Our review was made at the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center and consisted of a detailed examination of vouchers selected through the use of generally accepted statistical methods. Payments under costreimbursement type contracts, which are subject to site examination by the General Accounting Office, were not considered.

We audited 128 of the 945 disbursing vouchers and all of the 31 collection vouchers submitted in the December 1969 account.

Our review did not disclose any significant deficiencies; however, we found two errors which are explained in the attachment. These two errors in the audit of 128 disbursement vouchers result in a rate of 1.5 errors per 100 vouchers examined. We also noted four cases wherein timely payments were not made and discounts were lost. These cases are also explained in the attachment.

We are furnishing the results of our audit as a matter of information for whatever action you consider to be appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

S.D. McElvea Regional Manager

Attachment

cc: Comptroller of the Air Force Director, DSA Commander, AFAFC Auditor General Representative, AFAFC

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ERRORS

GAO Form 1100, Notice of Exception Voucher No. S-119-32

Basic contract No. F09-603-68-C-2879 shows discount terms of onehalf of 1 percent--20 days. Invoices Nos. 13917, 13918, and 13919 dated November 28, 1969, for a total of \$5,970.24, were received on December 3, 1969 and payment was made on December 18, 1969 within the prescribed time limit, but a discount was not taken. A notice of exception (GAO Form 1100) was issued for \$29.85 and reply by the disbursing officer stated that collection was made.

GAO Form 3010, Collection based on informal inquiry Voucher No. S-115-07

Invoice No. 4411 dated November 28, 1969 showed billing for three of item 1 AB under contract No. F04-606-68-D-0607 at the unit price of \$270, for a total payment in the amount of \$810. However, basic contract did not show the unit price of \$270. Reply of June 25, 1970 to our informal inquiries of February 25, 1970 and May 8, 1970 requesting documentary evidence to support the payment reported that a collection of \$675 was made.

LOST DISCOUNTS

Discounts lost--timely payments not made

Voucher No. S-106-38

Invoice No. 4885, undated, for \$633.70 was received on October 27, 1969 and payment was made on December 1, 1969 after the prescribed time period (one-fourth percent--10 days) and the discount of \$1.58 was lost.

Voucher No. S-108-21

Invoice (unnumbered) dated November 6, 1969 for \$410 was received on November 12, 1969 and payment was made on December 3, 1969. Payment was made after the prescribed time period (one-half percent--10 days) and the discount of \$2.05 was lost.

Voucher No. S-111-07

Invoice No. 31167 dated November 11, 1969 for \$392.26 was received on November 19, 1969 and payment was made on December 8, 1969. Payment was made after the prescribed time period (one-half percent--10 days) and the discount of \$1.96 was lost.

Voucher No. S-118-41

Invoice No. 85968 dated November 5, 1969 for \$991.10 was received on November 7, 1969 and payment was made on December 17, 1969. Payment was made after the prescribed time period (one percent--20 days) and the discount of \$9.91 was lost.