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Dear Senator Beall:

Your letter of October 29, 1971, requested our views on certain enclosed statements from unidentified persons expressing opposition to the relocation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the Fallon Federal Building in Baltimore, Maryland. ⁸⁶

The Fallon Federal Building contains about 494,000 square feet of space. As of September 30, 1971, 117,225 square feet of space were assigned to the Internal Revenue Service, 81,410 square feet to the Corps of Engineers, 7,635 square feet to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 7,725 square feet to congressional offices, and about 280,000 square feet to 17 other Federal agencies. ³⁰⁵

³ The General Services Administration (GSA) is required by ¹⁷ law and executive order to satisfy the space needs of Federal agencies. GSA is charged with responsibility for planning, acquiring, assigning, and reassigning space upon determination that such actions will serve to improve the management and administration of governmental activities and services.

On September 1, 1971, the Corps submitted a request to GSA for 30,000 additional square feet of space in the Fallon Federal Building for the accommodation of additional employees needed to handle the Corps' increased work load. GSA decided that it would be more economical to consolidate the Corps' operations in the Fallon Building and to relocate the Immigration and Naturalization Service and eight other agencies from the Fallon Building into leased space. On September 15, 1971, GSA sent letters to these agencies outlining the proposed relocation plan. The agencies were requested to send GSA information about their space requirements.

Immigration and Naturalization Service employees expressed their opposition to the relocation plan through members of the Maryland congressional delegation. GSA then considered the feasibility of relocating the Corps from the Fallon Federal Building to a building at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Further

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investigation by GSA showed, however, that the building needed a new roof and that it was not large enough to accommodate all the Corps' operations.

On December 7, 1971, GSA notified the Corps that the Federal agencies which it had planned to relocate from the Fallon Federal Building into leased space to satisfy the Corps' space needs would remain in the Fallon Building. GSA requested that the Corps give favorable consideration to satisfying its increased space needs with approximately 40,000 square feet of space on the second floor of the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse Building at Calvert and Fayette Streets, Baltimore. GSA officials informed us that they were awaiting advice from the Corps as to the acceptability of this space.

We did not request the formal views of GSA on the contents of this report nor did we release copies of the report to GSA. We are returning the enclosures attached with your letter of October 29, 1971.

Sincerely yours,



[Deputy] Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

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United States Senate