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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Reference is made to your two letters dated September 24, 1971, requesting that we review the effectiveness of the leasing and rental guarantee housing programs in Europe and the adequacy of standard barracks designs developed by the military services. In accordance with your requests, we initially planned to provide draft reports, or interim reports of a substantive nature, by March 1972 for your consideration in connection with hearings on the Fiscal Year 1973 Military Construction Program.

After we gathered preliminary information, we met with a member of the staff of the Subcommittee on Military Construction to further discuss the requests and the scope of the work to be performed. In view of the limited time available before the hearings, it was decided that we would furnish the results of our reviews on an informal basis and would suggest questions which the Chairman of the Subcommittee might wish to consider asking Department of Defense officials during the hearings.

We informally gave the last portion of the information to the Subcommittee's representative on March 6, 1972. Subsequently we were advised that the information we had submitted appeared to have fully met the requirements of your requests. Therefore we plan no further action on these requests unless we hear from you. We have, however,

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tentatively arranged to meet again with your representative, after the hearings have been held, to discuss the Subcommittee's further needs for our assistance in these matters as well as any other work you may wish us to undertake.

Sincerely yours,



**Deputy** Comptroller General  
of the United States

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The Honorable George H. Mahon  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives

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