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Major General Harold F. Hardin, Jr.  
Commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive  
Material Readiness Command  
Warren, Michigan 48090

RELEASED

Dear General Hardin:

On July 18-19, 1977, Ms. Jennifer Jones of my staff visited your command on our Review of Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Customer Assistance Team Costs (Code 943306).

The Foreign Military Sales Act of 1968 authorized the United States Government to sell defense articles and services to other nations. Policy guidelines in DOD Instruction 2140.1 state that foreign customers will reimburse DOD for all cost elements identified in the DD Form 1513 Offer and Acceptance. These costs include charges for salary and travel expenses of customer assistance teams which provide technical assistance to foreign customers.

The following costs incurred by Anniston Army Depot and reported through the Army Depot System Command to the Tank-Automotive Material Readiness Command (TARCOM) were not billed to the Security Assistance Accounting Center for reimbursement:

- Morocco case UHB was not billed \$5,619 for travel and personnel expenses incurred by a 2-man quality assurance team that visited Morocco to assure proper delivery of 28 tanks.
- Greece case VHP was not billed \$9,100 for travel and personnel expenses incurred by a 4-man team that visited Greece to provide technical assistance on tank conversion.

Apparently the TARCOM Program and Budget Division did not inform the Finance and Accounting Division that these were reimbursable costs. The effect of such underbillings is that the U.S. Government is subsidizing sales to other nations.

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While at TARCOM, we also identified 13 cases with customer assistance costs totaling \$456,280 and they are listed in the enclosure. We suggest that your command review these cases to assure all costs incurred were properly billed and reimbursed.

We would appreciate receiving a report from you which outlines what your command has done to ensure the 13 cases were evaluated and reported for reimbursements. Please include documentation showing the \$14,719 identified during our visit was reported to the Security Assistance Accounting Center for reimbursement.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT W. HANLON

Robert W. Hanlon  
Regional Manager

Enclosure  
as stated

List of TARCOM FMS Cases with Customer Assistance

<u>Country</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Customer Assistance Value</u>
Korea	UTG	\$ 37,490
Philippines	UFT	4,725
Saudi Arabia	UTL	18,336
Saudi Arabia	UTM	6,800
Korea	VBK	184,000
Saudi Arabia	UTX	5,080
Pakistan	UWF	2,800
China	NDA	49,010
Italy	NCE	66,038
Switzerland	UVN	4,962
China	NDG	50,510
Greece	VNP	23,000
Israel	WOY	<u>3,529</u>
Total		<u>\$456,280</u>