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The Honorable Robert Morgan
United States Senator
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Dear Senator Morgan:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1980, with enclosures, concerning the request of your constituent, Dr. Gordon E. Browning, for reconsideration of his [claim for loss of salary due to retroactive correction of his pay schedule] while employed by the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Europe. Essentially, Dr. Gordon claimed that he should have been given credit for certain Job Corps experience he has in setting his pay level with Dependents Schools.

By decision, B-194739, June 27, 1980, copy enclosed, we sustained the earlier determination by our Claims Division denying Dr. Browning's claim since determinations of qualification experience for teaching positions in the Dependents Schools are generally matters for the employing agency. Our Office has no authority to set qualifications for such positions or to change those qualifications. The agency (Department of the Army) in Dr. Browning's case determined that his Job Corps experience was not qualifying experience to entitle him to the higher salary level. As indicated we are not in a position to question that determination.

Dr. Browning was mailed a copy of the decision when rendered to the overseas address given in his appeal request.

We trust that this will serve the purpose of your inquiry and regret we were unable to reach a determination more favorable to your constituent.

Sincerely yours,

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For The Comptroller General
of the United States

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