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In Reply
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Gordon L. Russell, Esquire
2811 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 410
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Dear Mr. Russell:

Your letter of July 8, 1980, requests, on behalf of your client, Markarian Bros. & Associates, that we review the surplus sale procedures of the Air Force and of prime contractors involved in the disposal of surplus Government property, with emphasis on Lockheed Georgia's practices.

In our decision in Markarian Bros. & Associates, B-198355, May 19, 1980, we dismissed a protest involving this matter as it was not for consideration under our Bid Protest Procedures (Procedures), 4 C.F.R. part 20 (1980).

You now state that a review under our audit authority, and not a protest, is what was intended. Under our audit function, with limited resources, we review a broad spectrum of Federal activities. Consequently, critical decisions concerning the efficacy of each review in terms of obtaining the greatest benefit for resource utilization must be made. We do not believe that the information furnished by your client warrants our review in that context in light of the possible benefits vis-a-vis utilization of personnel on other investigations.

However, as we pointed out in our decision dismissing the protest, our Procedures may be



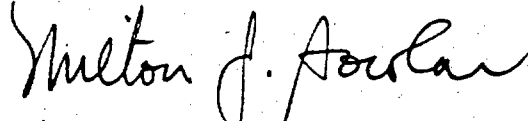
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invoked for a decision in the matter in connection with a specific sale. For your assistance, enclosed is a copy of our Procedures.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Milton J. Socolar". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Milton J. Socolar
General Counsel

Enclosure