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Dear Mr. Duffy:

This is in response to your letter of June 15, 1981, with enclosures, in which you request reconsideration of Comptroller General's decision B-184502 dated February 20, 1976. In that decision, the settlement issued by the Transportation and Claims Division disallowing the claim you filed pertaining to your grandfather, Mr. Peter Duffy, for monies expended on behalf of the United States Army incident to military operations during the Civil War was reviewed and upheld.

In that decision you were advised that any claim cognizable by the General Accounting Office must be received within ten years of the date the claim arose. That law, which appears at section 71a of Title 31, United States Code, bars consideration of your claim by the General Accounting Office since it arose sometime during the Civil War.

We are in sympathy with your desire to vindicate your grandfather for the inequities which you feel accrued as a result of his service to the United States during the Civil War. However, you have presented neither new evidence nor additional argument to support a finding in your favor. And since the matter has received a full and fair consideration, we must deny your request for reconsideration.

We regret that this response could not be more favorable. The enclosures you provided are returned as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin J. Monsma

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