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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

June 3, 1980

The Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We refer to your letter of May 1, 1980, requesting our views on H. R. 7175 96th Congress, 2nd Session, a bill "For the relief of the Woodstock Daily Sentinel."

The bill would direct the Secretary of Defense to pay, out of money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Woodstock Daily Sentinel of Woodstock, Illinois, \$1,372.08 in full settlement of claims for unreimbursed printing services provided by the Sentinel to the United States Army 12th Special Forces Group, of Arlington Heights, Illinois, in 1978. (As a technical matter, we believe the bill should direct the Secretary of the Treasury rather than the Secretary of Defense to pay the money out of the Treasury.)

This matter has not previously been presented to our Office. We have no information about the circumstances regarding the claim beyond that contained in the bill. Therefore we are unable to take a position on the bill.

Sincerely yours,

For the Comptroller General
of the United States

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