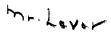
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Mr. William J. Maraist
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Dear Mr. Maraist:

By letter dated June 24, 1981, you requested our comments regarding a draft segment of the Federal Acquisition Regulation covering Subparts 4.8, Contract Files, 47.4, Air Transportation by U.S.-Flag Carriers, and Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services.

For ease of reference, we believe proposed Subpart 47.4 covering Air Transportation by U.S.-Flag Carriers should be combined with proposed Subpart 47.5 covering Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels and retitled "Restrictions on Use of Foreign-flag Transportation." We believe a consolidated section would permit contracting officers to make better informed choice of transportation decisions.

We have no further comments to offer.

Sincerely yours,

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