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The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Your letter of January 3, 1973, requested the General Accounting Office to look into a complaint made by Mr. James L. Doran, General Manager, W. M. Schlosser Company, Inc., about slow payment on six requisitions for progress payments on Government construction projects his company was working on.

We examined into the procedures for processing these types of progress payments. Requisitions are submitted by the contractor to the General Services Administration (GSA). The administrative and accounting units in GSA review and approve them, prepare the necessary documentation, and authorize the Treasury Department to issue the checks.

Before our study was completed, the Treasury had paid your constituent. We found that the six requisitions cited took, on the average, 49 days for processing by GSA and 3 days for Treasury to issue the checks. All of the requisitions were paid by January 16, 1973.

We trust that the information furnished is sufficient for your purposes.

We plan to discuss with GSA officials the agency's procedures for handling progress payment requisitions with a view toward their taking whatever remedial action seems needed.

Sincerely yours,

Comptroller General
of the United States

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