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The Honorable
The Secretary of the Army

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We refer to letter dated March 1, 1974, reference: SAAS-IL-ND, with enclosure, from the Deputy Assistant for Materiel Acquisition, Office of the Assistant Secretary, which reported on the protest of Plattsburgh Laundry and Dry Cleaning Corp. (Plattsburgh) under invitation for bids DAKF36-74-B-0028, issued by the Purchasing and Contracting Office, Camp Drum, New York.

Enclosed is a copy of our decision of today. As noted therein, we cannot conclude that the protested 90-mile geographic restriction was without a reasonable basis. However, we believe that the refusal to provide Plattsburgh, the incumbent contractor, with a copy of the solicitation and thus an opportunity to bid was improperly restrictive of competition and justifies cancellation of the IFB. Accordingly, we recommend that the solicitation be canceled and that the protester, and other firms similarly situated, be provided with an opportunity to submit a bid in response to any resolicitation for the services.

It is requested that we be advised of the actions taken on our recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

R.F. KELLER

Deputy Comptroller General
of the United States