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Dear Mr. Kemp:

Your letter of September 23, 1971, asked that we investigate the alleged purchase of "tiger cages" by U.S. Forces in Vietnam.

We have made inquiries in the military departments on the basis of the information provided by your constituent, Mr. M. E. Regan. None of the officials in the Army or Navy with whom we spoke were aware of any procurements of this type being made in Vietnam. We were told, however, of a \$400,000 contract negotiated with an American contractor for construction of concrete buildings containing maximum-security cells. This contract was negotiated on behalf of the Vietnamese Government, and local currency supplied by that Government was used. We understand that certain of the news media have referred to these cells as tiger cages, but military officials have expressed the opinion that this is an inaccurate characterization.

As discussed with your office, we do not plan to make a detailed investigation of this matter in Vietnam in view of the rather limited information provided by your constituent. The correspondence furnished to us is returned herewith as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Deputy Comptroller General  
of the United States

Enclosure

The Honorable Jack F. Kemp  
House of Representatives

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