



UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D C 20548

CIVIL DIVISION

December 2, 1969

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Dear Mr. Walton:

We have made a review for the settlement of the accounts of certifying officers of the Commission of Fine Arts through fiscal year 1969. Our review was made pursuant to the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921 (31 U.S.C. 53), and the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950 (31 U.S.C. 67).

We found the procedures for processing cash receipts and disbursements in use by the Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, which maintains the Commission's accounts and records, to be generally satisfactory.

We noted, however, that the \$1,000 Notice of Exception stated against Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Authorized Certifying Officer of the Commission, as the result of our audit for the settlement of the accounts of the certifying officers of the Commission through June 30, 1966, was still outstanding. On October 28, 1969, we made demand on surety for reimbursement of the \$1,000 under the terms of the certifying officers' bond.

In accordance with section 13 of title 8 of the General Accounting Office Policy and Procedures Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, the records of financial transactions through June 30, 1969, except those relating to the outstanding Notice of Exception, may be transmitted to the Federal Records Center for storage.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. McAuley

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