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Commanding Officer  
U.S.S. ROBERT H. PEARY (DE-1073)  
FPO San Francisco

Dear Sir:

As part of our continuing review of the Navy's financial management system, we examined selected transactions in the accounts of the U.S.S. PEARY for the 6 months ended June 30, 1973. Of the 248 records we examined, 52 had errors -- causing erroneous payments to crew members and a private mess and incorrect leave balances. The errors are summarized in the appendix.

As shown in the appendix, errors in computing leave balances were predominant. The other most common pay and allowance errors involved clothing maintenance allowance and basic pay rates. Most of the voucher errors covered payment of mileage at the wrong rate and erroneous payments of per diem for group travel.

We were unable to pinpoint responsibility or determine specific causes of the errors since our review was limited to records at the Navy Finance Center, Cleveland. However, errors of these types are usually attributed to the disbursing office and can be minimized by becoming more familiar with applicable regulations, having effective supervisory reviews, and being more careful in performing routine tasks.

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We are bringing this information to your attention so you can take action to preclude future errors. We would appreciate your comments on the causes and actions taken. To assist you, we are enclosing information copies of informal inquiries. Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. MOORE

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Regional Manager

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Appendix

Copies of informal inquiries (9)

cc: Comptroller of the Navy (NCD-3)  
Comptroller of the Navy (NCF-4)  
Commanding Officer, Navy Finance Center,  
Cleveland  
Commanding Officer, Navy Regional Finance  
Center, San Diego  
Director, Naval Area Audit Service, San Diego

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EXTENT OF ERRORS

<u>TYPE OF RECORD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>REVIEWED</u>	<u>ERRORS</u>	<u>RECORDS WITH ERRORS</u>	
				<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Military travel vouchers	181	90	24	22	24
Miscellaneous vouchers	33	33	5	4	12
Military pay records	249	125	28	26	21
Totals	<u>463</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>21</u>

SUMMARY OF ERRORS

<u>TYPE OF ERROR</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OVERPAYMENT</u>	<u>UNDERPAYMENT</u>
<u>MILITARY TRAVEL VOUCHERS</u>			
<u>Per Diem</u>			
Group travel status	4	\$ 89.85 <sup>a</sup>	
Not paid while enroute between stations	3		\$ 41.10
Computation	3	16.50 <sup>a</sup>	10.95
Constructive travel	2	16.75	
Not entitled-reported early for temporary duty	1	15.70	
Meals/quarters-deductions	1		19.60
<u>Mileage</u>			
Wrong rate	8		45.04
<u>Dependent's Travel Allowance</u>			
Wrong mileage rate for second child	1	54.33 <sup>a</sup>	
<u>Other</u>			
Unauthorized mileage between lodging and temporary duty station	1	6.60	
Subtotal	<u>24</u>	<u>\$199.73</u>	<u>\$107.69</u>

<sup>a</sup>Pay Adjustment Authorizations were issued by Navy Finance Center, Cleveland

<u>TYPE OF ERROR</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OVERPAYMENT</u>	<u>UNDERPAYMENT</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS VOUCHERS</u>			
<u>Training Duty</u>			
Unauthorized quarters allowance - ineligible pay grade	1	\$ 49.00 <sup>a</sup>	
<u>Shore Patrol</u>			
Paid for meals in excess of number authorized	1	10.00	
<u>Rations Commuted to a Private Mess</u>			
Not entitled-on leave or prior to reporting date	2	19.53	
Wrong rate	1		\$ 16.75
Subtotal	5	\$ 78.53	\$ 16.75
<u>MILITARY PAY RECORDS</u>			
<u>Pay and Allowances</u>			
Clothing maintenance allowances-wrong rate, not paid, or prior to entitlement	4	\$ 3.90	\$ 22.55
Basic pay-wrong rate	3	29.16	111.60
Lump sum leave-included			
unauthorized quarters allowance	2	77.50	
Computation/extension	2	4.95	23.25
Leave rations-duplicate credit	1	32.12	
Commuted rations-not deducted while on leave	1	4.95	
Subtotal	13	\$152.58	\$157.40
Total monetary errors	42	\$430.84	\$281.84
		<u>OVERSTATED</u>	<u>UNDERSTATED</u>
<u>Leave Accounting</u>			
Balance computed incorrectly	15	55 1/2 days	30 1/2 days
Total all errors	57		