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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - Request for Relief from
Personal Financial Hardship Resulting from
Shipping and Storage of Household Effects in
Excess of Weight Allowances

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval.
Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. [REDACTED], was assigned to [REDACTED]
during the period 21 July 1958 to 4 October 1960. In accordance
with the procedures current at the time, the SI Division authorized
government furnished quarters for [REDACTED] and shipped (through
[REDACTED] government owned household effects plus an estimated
647 pounds (gross weight) of property owned by [REDACTED]. The
remainder of [REDACTED] household effects (13,025 pounds) were
stored in Washington during his absence.

3. The cost of cartage, packing, and storage of [REDACTED]
household effects was \$2,654.75 and the allowable amount after
applying the usual estimates for shipping of the government-owned
and personal property is \$1,794.90. The difference of \$859.85 is
claimed by [REDACTED] on the basis of personal financial hardship.

4. [REDACTED] states that his household effects contained
only the necessities for a family of six plus a piano and some
valuables such as crystal and rare books which he inherited. The
exact amount of expense resulting from the extra weight and protection
of these valuables cannot be ascertained because the storage company
gave no breakdown of the cost applicable to specific items, but it
seems reasonable to believe that handling and storage for 26 months
may have approximated the \$859.85 which is claimed by [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] provides that special handling and additional
protection for articles of unusual value will be at the expense of
the employee unless the authorizing official determines that it
would be inappropriate to ship them. It would not seem appropriate
to require [REDACTED] to choose between shipment of his rare books,

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crystal and other valuable articles at government expense or storing them at his own expense. [REDACTED] did not apply for specific approval of special handling and storage of valuables because he did not expect that his shipment and storage would exceed his normal weight allowance. Therefore, the authorizing official at the time had no reason to give special attention to [REDACTED] household effects, and I assume that I do not have authority to approve this claim retroactively.

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6. In consideration of the fact that [REDACTED] shipment and storage of household effects was in accordance with normal procedures at the time and the impossibility of factually determining the cost applicable to valuables which were stored, it is recommended that you approve the full amount of this claim which is \$49.65 as an exception to the advance authorization requirement of [REDACTED] cited in paragraph 5, above.

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[REDACTED]
CHIEF, IN DIVISION

Comment:

The recommendation contained in paragraph 6, above, is approved.

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No Legal Objection:

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