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 Vice President and General Manager
 Software and Information Systems Division
 Defense Space Systems Group
 TRW, Inc.
 One Space Park
 Redondo Beach, California 90278

Dear Mr. Williams:

Re: SAFE Project -- Subcontract No. J20770YMOS
Between TRW and Burroughs

We have received a copy of the letter to you from [redacted], President, Federal and Special Systems Group, Burroughs Corporation, dated 7 July 1982, which contained allegations against this Agency and certain of its senior officers in the conduct of administering the Project referred to above. Because of the seriousness of these allegations by a subcontractor in connection with the SAFE Project contract between this Agency and TRW, I must ask that you request substantiation of the allegations from your subcontractor.

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In order for me and for the other senior officials at the Agency to focus on [redacted] charges, I request that you ask for the background and circumstances surrounding the accusations. I am well aware of the tenor of his letter, but I must have details to amplify those provided and the conclusions expressed. Please ask him to identify the persons involved, what was said or written, and the dates concerned. When he provides these particulars and any other matters of substance, they will be timely examined.

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It must be understood that all decisions with respect to the SAFE Project will be made on the basis of what is in the best interests of the United States and this Agency in the performance of its mission. I am sure you will agree that we would be remiss in our duty to the public if we did otherwise. These decisions sometimes are difficult to make and may work a hardship on those various levels within the contract process.

Nonetheless, they have to be made. Any properly analyzed decision requires facts. If [redacted] has such facts as will support his charges, I would appreciate receiving them without delay.

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Sincerely,

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Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director
for
Administration