



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

AUG 24 1998

Office of the Assistant Secretary  
AFBCMR 98-01104

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code and AFI 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that Special Order AB-171, Block 30 was amended to reflect 25 March 1998; and competent authority approved his DD Form 2278, Application for Do-It-Yourself (DITY) Move and Counseling Checklist, dated 25 March 1998 which reflected that he was counseled prior to his DITY move and he is qualified to participate in the incentive portion of the DITY program; and his incentive was based on transportation rates in effect in March 1998.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Pittenger".

DONNA PITTENGER  
Chief Examiner  
Air Force Board for Correction  
of Military Records



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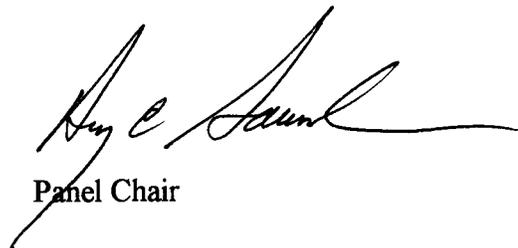
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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Force and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has been the victim of either an error or an injustice. Therefore, under the authority delegated in AFI 36-2603, the applicant's records will be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum for the Chief of Staff signed by the Executive Director or his designee.



Panel Chair

Attachment  
Ltr, HQ USAF/ILTT, dtd 27 Jul 98



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, DC



27 JUL 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/MIBR

FROM: HQ USAF/ILTT  
1030 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington DC 20330-1030

SUBJECT: Application of Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)  
[REDACTED]

1. This Air Staff advisory opinion is submitted in reference to subject application, dated 10 Apr 98.

2. Background:

a. The Do-It-Yourself (DITY) program for the shipment of personal property by members of the Armed Forces is authorized by Title 37, United States Code. This provision authorizes the payment of a monetary allowance to members of the Armed Forces as an incentive to move their personal property by privately owned or rental vehicles under programs established by the Secretaries concerned. Regulatory implementation of this program is found in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR), Volume I, Chapter 5, Part D, AFI 24-501 (Air Force DITY Move Program) and AFR 177-103 (Travel Transactions at Base Level).

b. Paragraph U5320-E of the JFTR provides, in part, that a member will be paid an amount commensurate with 95 percent of what it would have cost the government to ship the property actually moved by the member, not to exceed his/her authorized weight allowance, provided the move is authorized, and advance approval is obtained from the office designated for that purpose by the Service concerned.

c. Our inquiry into [REDACTED] case revealed that he moved his property on 25 and 26 Mar 98, prior to issuance of orders. There is no statutory authority for a member to move personal property prior to receipt of orders, except as provided under JFTR paragraph U5335.G. [REDACTED] alleges that prior to his move he was told by an [REDACTED] AFB TMO representative, during a phone conversation, he could make his move and apply for an "after-the-fact" DITY. However, upon completion of the move he was properly briefed by another Ellsworth AFB TMO representative that since he did the move prior to receipt of his orders the move was not authorized. Criteria for "after-the-fact" DITY move approval is that the member has accomplished all other aspects of the DITY move, which includes possessing a valid authority prior to accomplishing the move. After reviewing [REDACTED] case it was determined that he did receive some guidance or information on how to make a DITY move. The member has provided all required paperwork to substantiate his claim, e.g. weight tickets.

d. The Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) does not permit reimbursement for shipments arranged prior to the issuance of orders. However, the Comptroller General has ruled (CG [redacted] d 4 Jun 96) in a case similar to this, that a member may be reimbursed for expenses associated with the shipment of household goods prior to receipt of written orders, where written orders for the transfer were subsequently issued authorizing those expense items. [redacted] orders, [redacted] 1, Dated 7 Apr 98, were subsequently issued, (copy included in package). Since it appears [redacted] received some guidance from [redacted] AFB prior to performing his move, we support his request for correction to his records and an incentive payment for the property moved.

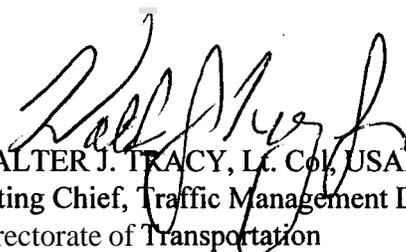
3. If you agree with this staff advisory [redacted] records should be corrected as follows: Special Order [redacted], block 30 (date), should be corrected to read "25 Mar 98." [redacted] received advance approval to perform a DITY move, DD Form 2278 (Application for Do-It-Yourself Move and Counseling Checklist) was completed, and dated 25 Mar 98; and proper counseling was conducted in accordance with the regulations concerned. Therefore, based on his weight tickets, [redacted] would be authorized and incentive computed as follows:

- a. Rate:  $\$29.30 + \$5.00$  (packing) =  $\$34.30$
- b. Total net weight: 6,240 pounds = 62.40 cwt.
- c. Computation:  $\$34.30 \times 6,240$  cwt. =  $\$2,140.32 \times .95 = \$2,033.30$

4. Should the Board choose to disagree with this advisory recommending [redacted] be authorized an incentive for moving his property, then he should be authorized reimbursement for the expenses he paid; \$1,400.00, or what the government would have paid to move his property whichever is less.

5. C: for HQ US

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