

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## OFFICIAL DECISION

### Record of Decision

#### Government Claim

The Government of the Air Force Plant Representative Office (AFPRO) has presented claims concerning the conduct of United States manufacturing and describing events and circumstances occurring between the the months of July and October of 1984. The subject matter of the claim addresses the manufacturing engineering activities conducted by the United States and complains those activities are at variance to the manner or techniques sought to be employed by the supervisory industrial engineers, the Manufacturing Assessment Branch chief and the Manufacturing Operations Division chief of the AFPRO.

#### Government Authority

The claims are authorized by the Contact Disputes Act of 1978. The Act provides the avenue for dispute resolution for all United States Contracts. The Act requires the dispute to be processed by the filing of the claim with the authorized Contracting Officer having responsibility for settling the claim. The Act prohibits any other avenue in this case.

#### Government Authentication

The claims have been authenticated by the subject branch chief and division chief on their own authority without any higher level of approval. The chief's claims may or may not be with the approval of higher headquarters. The local AFPRO personnel office at the Los Angeles Air Force station have joined with the AFPRO chiefs in supporting the claims.

#### Official Decision

The Government claims have been reviewed and found to be without merit. The claims are clearly defective for several reasons as explained in the file of this action. Before continuing, the claims are immediately suspect for having no display of authentication by the authorities at HQ AFCMD because the local individuals involved lack any authority to maintain a stand in the actual subject matter raised in the claims. The Government may choose to present proper authentication within the time limits of the Act and so is permitted to appeal under the Act as specified in the Act. This decision is final and binding on the Government and the United States.

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