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Harry N. Walters
 Administrator
 Veterans Administration
 810 Vermont Avenue
 Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Walters:

We understand that you have before you, a decision to move the St. Louis Veterans Administration Records Office to Granite City, Illinois, due to the inadequacy of current space.

Further, it is our understanding that the Army has agreed to provide free rent, valued at \$794,000 per year, at the Granite City Area Support Center, also known as the Old Army Depot. That facility has ample vacant space, and it would be an excellent utilization of federal property. In addition, the Army has offered to pay half of the \$2.5 million in moving costs from St. Louis to Granite City.

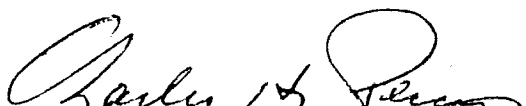
We believe that this is an excellent decision, and should be upheld.

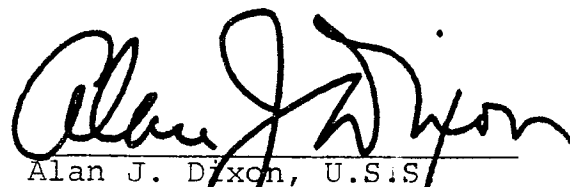
Cost estimates for refurbishing the Mart Building in St. Louis are between \$40 and \$60 million. To build a new facility would be even more costly.

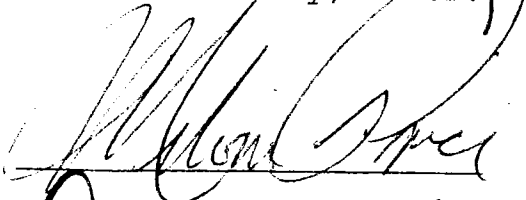
Therefore, we commend the recommendation of the Assistant Director of the Veterans Administration Records Office in St. Louis, and encourage you to approve it.

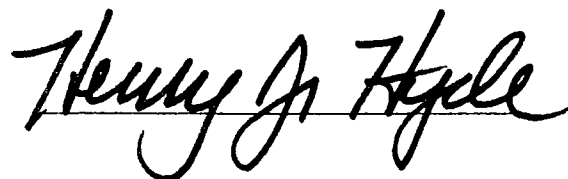
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

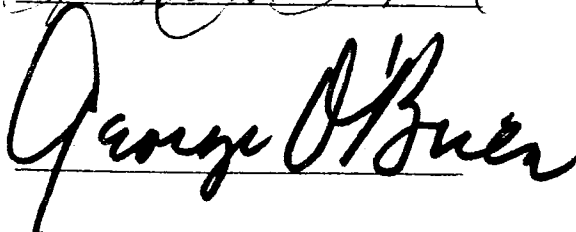
Sincerely,


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