DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE



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Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 98-02250

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code and Air Force Instruction **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 show that:

a. Missouri Air National Guard Special Order No. AZ - 45, ordering him to perform full-time duty from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 2002 under 32 USC 502(f) and ANGI 36-101, was issued on 23 June 1998, rather than 26 June 1998.

b. He received prior authorization to perform a Do-It-Yourself (DITY) move; he received proper DITY move counseling; he completed a DD form 2278, DITY Counseling Checklist, prior to the movement of his personal property in connection with his move to St. Louis, Missouri; and, his incentive was based on the rates in effect in June 1998.

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Chief Examiner Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records

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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

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Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility 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 of the Board or his designee.

Panel Chair

Attachment: Ltr, HQ USAF/ILTT, dtd Oct 9, 1998, w/Atch



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## MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/MIBR

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

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 9)

1. This Air **Staff** advisory 'opinionis submitted in reference to subject application, dated 10 Aug 98.

2. Background: **1990 Was** denied an incentive payment for a Do-It-Yourself (DITY) move because:

- a. He was not in receipt of orders prior to his move.
- b. He did not seek authorization and counseling prior to the move from his servicing Traffic Management Office (TMO).
- 3. Discussion:

a. There is no statutory authority for a member to move personal property at government expense prior to receipt of orders unless the request for transportation is supported by a statement from the PCS order-issuing official or a designated representative that the member was advised before such orders were issued that they would be issued ..." (Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Vol. 1, paragraph **U5330.G.** *Transportationof Household Goods Before* Orders Issued). A recent Comptroller General decision B-260456 (attached) with similar circumstances ruled 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.

b. The DITY program is authorized by the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Vol. 1, paragraph **U5320.E.** It states in part, "a member will be paid …provided the move is authorized, and advance approval is obtained from the office designated for that purpose by the Service concerned." Air Force Instruction **24-501** "The Air Force Do-It-Yourself" allows for approval of an "after-the-fact" DITY move providing, the member has accomplished all other aspects of the DITY move, which includes possessing a valid authority prior to accomplishing the move.

**4.** Recommendation: This office supports the approval of an "After the fact" DITY move incentive payment for the following reasons:

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- a. He did receive verbal direction (see attached) from the Commander of the 131st Fighter Wing that he would receive orders and he needed to be in place 1 July 98.
- b. Orders which authorized this entitlement, Special Order AZ-45, Dated 26 Jun 98, were subsequently issued, (copy included in package).

5. If the board chooses to agree with this staff advisory, **and the second seco** 

- a. Special Order AZ-45, issue date should be corrected to read "23 Jun 98."
- b. **Construction** received advance approval to perform a DITY move, DD Form **2278** (Application for Do-It-Yourself Move and Counseling Checklist) was completed, and dated 23 Jun 98; and proper counseling was conducted in accordance with the regulations concerned.
- c. Therefore, based on his weight tickets, would be authorized and incentive of \$1438.55 as computed in the attached worksheet.

6. However, should the board decide to disagree with thig advisory, we recommend SSgt be reimbursed for the expenses incurred (\$675.47) as a result of information received and making his move prior to receipt of his orders. Cite the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Vol. 1, paragraph U5320.D. *Reimbursement for Personally Procured Transportation* and Comptroller Decision B-260456 as your authority to reimburse actual expenses.



Attachments:

- 1. CG Decision **B-260456**
- 2. Commander's Letter
- 3. Special Order AZ-45
- 4. Special Order AZ-48
- 5. DITY Move Worksheet

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