



United States General Accounting Office  
Washington, DC 20548

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June 25, 2001

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives

Subject: Federally Chartered Corporation: Review of the Financial Statement Audit Report for the American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, for Fiscal Years 2000 and 1999

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we reviewed the audit report covering the financial statements of the American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, a federally chartered corporation, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2000 and 1999. The corporation was established in 1928 for the purpose of perpetuating the ideals of Americanism for which members' relatives fought and died.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. 10101 to

present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements,

obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant, and

submit the auditors' report and the corporation's financial statements to the Congress.

The objective of our review was to determine whether the audit report complied with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we reviewed the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, reviewed the auditors' report, and made inquiries to corporation officials or the auditors as we deemed necessary. We did not review the auditors' working papers. Our review disclosed no reportable instances of noncompliance.

The audit report included the auditors' opinion that the financial statements of the corporation were presented fairly on a modified cash basis of accounting. We are returning the audit report you sent with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey C. Steinhoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent part.

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff  
Managing Director  
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w/o Enclosure

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