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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CECI-TR (25-400-2)

MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders/Directors, Major Subordinate Commands, Field Operating Activities, and Headquarters Staff Principals

SUBJECT: Re-emphasis of Moratorium on Destruction of Records (Record Freeze—General Motors Litigation)

1. References:

a. Memorandum, United States Legal Services Agency, JALS-EL, 7 Sep 01, Subject: General Motors v. United States, et al., Civ. No. 01-CV-22-1 (D.N.J.).

b. Memorandum, CECI-TR, 29 Aug 01, Subject: Moratorium on Destruction of Records (Record Freeze—General Motors Litigation).

c. Memorandum, TAPC-PDD-RR, 8 Aug 01, subject: Moratorium on Destruction of Records (Record Freeze—General Motors Litigation).

d. Memorandum, United States Legal Services Agency, JALS-EL, 2 Jul 01, Subject: Preservation of Records for General Motors Corp. v. United States of America, et al., Civil Action Number 01-CV-2201 (DMC) (D.N.J.).

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to re-emphasize the importance of a document freeze for the preservation of all USACE documents relating to the General Motors Corp. v. United States of America, et al., litigation. Request you take utmost care to preserve all records that might be relevant to the claims and defenses involved in this litigation. Enclosure 1 contains a list of four facilities named in the General Motors complaint. Enclosure 2 contains a partial list of known record repositories of concern. As noted in the 29 Aug 01 memorandum (ref 1b above), this record freeze applies to all USACE organizational activities.

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3. The POC for this action is Ms. Dianne Barnes at 202-761-5983.

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GENERAL MOTORS CORP. v. UNITED STATES
LIST OF FACILITIES

1. Allison Engineering Division Facility, Indianapolis, Indiana

Facilities Identified:

Allison Transmission Plants including Plant Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, and 14 located at 10th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

GMC Allison Gas Turbine Division, Maywood Operations, including Plant Nos. 5, 8, and 11 located at Tibbs Avenue and Raymond Avenue, Indianapolis.

Timeframe: In 1917, Plant 1 was constructed. Some time prior to 1929, plant 1 was converted to aircraft engine manufacturing. In 1936, Plant 2 was constructed. In 1939, plant 3 was constructed. In or about 1941, Plants 1, 2, and 3 were deemed necessary for US defense. At various times before, during, and after WWII, and the Korean War, United States entered into agreements with General Motors to operate the plants for production of war material. In 1942, Plant 5 was constructed. In 1946, Plant 11 was built. Plants 5 and 11 were operated until 1966. In 1953, Plant 8 was built.

Products/Operations Conducted: The production of war material, specifically the production or manufacture of aircraft engines and automatic transmissions for military vehicles. During Korean War foundry work and research and development was done on turbine engines.

2. Willow Run Facility, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Timeframe: The plant was constructed in or about 1941. In 1945, the plant was divided into separate parcels for sale. Kaiser-Frazer Corporation leased then purchased a portion of the plant. In 1950, the Kaiser-Frazer portion of the plant was used for national defense until 1953, when it was purchased by General Motors.

Productions/Operations: Production of B-24 bomber planes, C-1919 and C-123 aircraft, supply raw materials, control of supply of materials, and production for the manufacture of military aircraft.

3. Grand Blanc Facility, Grand Blanc, Michigan

Timeframe: In or about 1941, United States purchased property on which a facility was constructed, and construction and operation agreements were entered into. At various times before, during, and after WWII the United States leased part of the Grand Blanc Facility to General Motors, and the property was expanded. In 1952, General Motors purchased the facility. During Korean War, General Motors produced war material for the United States.

Productions/Operations Conducted: Production/manufacture of medium and heavy tanks, supply of machinery, equipment, and raw materials for production of war material.

4. Trenton-Ternstedt Facility, Trenton, New Jersey

Timeframe: In or about 1941, United States acquired the facility for aircraft production. During WWII, United States bought additional land to expand the facility and purchased equipment for the facility. At various times before, during, and after WWII, and the Korean War, United States contracted with General Motors for the production of war material. United States constructed a Naval Testing Installation next to the facility. In 1944, United States agreed to expand the Naval Testing Installation to support the testing of gas turbine engines for naval Aircraft.

Productions/Operations Conducted: Production of war material, including the Grumman Avenger Aircraft, and supply of raw materials necessary for the production of war material at this facility. Operation of a Naval Testing Installation to support the Grumman Avenger aircraft manufacturing operations wherein testing of the Avenger aircraft engines, machine guns, gas turbine engines occurred.

PARTIAL LIST OF USACE DOCUMENT LOCATIONS
(List Provided by US Army Legal Services Agency)

Detroit District
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226

Manhattan District (New York District)
Federal Building
New York, NY

Mobile District
PO Box 2288
Mobile, AL 36628

Louisville District
600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Louisville, KY 40202-0059

Omaha District
106 S. 15th St.
Omaha, NE 68102-1618

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