

specified within two years after reimbursement of charges covered by any such voucher, to such representative as may be designated for that purpose through the Contract-Audit Division of the Comptroller of the Navy such documentary evidence in support of transportation costs as may be required by the Comptroller General or any of his duly authorized representatives.

- (4) Except for documentary evidence delivered to the Government pursuant to subparagraph (3) above, the Contractor shall preserve and make available its records for a period of three years (unless a longer period of time is provided by applicable statute or by any other clause in this contract) from the date of the voucher or invoice submitted by the Contractor after the completion of the work under the contract and designated by the Contractor as the "completion voucher" or "completion invoice" or, in the event this contract has been completely terminated, from the date of the termination settlement agreement; provided, however, that records which relate to (A) appeals under the clause of this contract entitled "Disputes", (B) litigation or the settlement of claims arising out of the performance of this contract, or (C) costs or expenses of the contract as to which exception has been taken by the Comptroller General or any of his duly authorized representatives, shall be retained by the Contractor until such appeals, litigation, claims, or exceptions have been disposed of, but in no event for less than the three-year period mentioned above.
- (5) Except for documentary evidence delivered pursuant to subparagraph (3) above, and the records described in the proviso of subparagraph (4) above, the Contractor may in fulfillment of its obligation to retain its records as required by this clause substitute photographs, micro-photographs or other authentic reproductions of such records, after the expiration of two years following the last day of the month of reimbursement to the Contractor of the invoice or voucher to which such records relate, unless a shorter period is authorized by the Contracting Officer with the concurrence of the Comptroller General or his duly authorized representative.
- (6) The provisions of this paragraph (a), including this subparagraph (6), shall be applicable to and included in each subcontract hereunder which is on a cost, cost-plus-a-fixed-fee, time-and-material or labor-hour basis.
 - (b) The Contractor further agrees to include in each of his subcontracts hereunder, other than those set forth in subparagraph (a)(6) above, a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Comptroller General or the Department, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall, until the expiration of three years after final payment under the subcontract, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of such subcontractor involving transactions related to the subcontract. The term "subcontract," as used in this paragraph (b) only, excludes (i) purchase orders not exceeding \$2,500 and (ii) subcontracts or purchase orders for public utility services at rates established for uniform applicability to the general public.