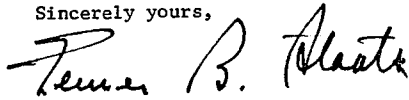


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been made of this drug from the brand name manufacturer who furnished the initial data used in preparing the procurement specification. DPSC and VA have purchased the item at prices ranging from \$.387 to \$.457 per 100 tablets which was significantly less than the price of \$1.20 per 100 offered by the brand name manufacturer to the City of New York.

We trust the information furnished in this letter will serve the purpose of your request and be of assistance in your further inquiries into aspects of drug procurement, such as the development of specifications.

Sincerely yours,



Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

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Select Committee on Small Business
United States Senate