

with the manufacturer for prompt support, we suggested that they request an interim exception along the lines stated above, to be followed by a formal request for an exception to be made by the Navy Department to your office for referral to GSA as a Department of Defense proposal. In this regard, it occurs to us that the Air Force and the Army may be operating commercial-type aircraft and depending upon the manufacturer for spare parts support.

Accordingly, on the basis of the speedletter of February 21 from the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters, copy attached, the interim exception is hereby granted to the Navy Department with respect to FSC group 16 and the airframe structural components of FSC group 15, limited to the program for support of the Grumman TC-4C aircraft.

This interim exception will expire on August 31, 1968. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Commander, Naval Air Systems Command.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN C. HARLAN, Jr., *Commissioner,
Property Management and Disposal Service.*

SPEEDLETTER

FEBRUARY 21, 1968.

From: NAVAIRSYSCOMHO.
To: RUEPGS/General Services Administration.
Washington, D.C.
UNCLASSIFIED.

A. Conf February 21, 1968, between Mr. Lewis C. Tuttle, manager Pers Prop Disp; Mr. Frank P. Donaldson, Dir UT Div PMDS And NAVAIR Reps.

B. DOD Inst 4160.1 and ENO 1 thereto (FED PROP MGT REG 101-46).

1. From AIR-OOC. For Mr. John G. Harlan, Commissioner, Property Management and Disposal Service.

2. In accordance with ref A it is requested that an interim exemption to item No. 16 and airframe structural components of item No. 15 on the listing of ineligible property of the Fed supp class groups be granted (ref (B)).

3. This exemption shall apply only to Grumman TC-4C aircraft and components. This aircraft is a commercial aircraft with military configuration.

4. A formal request VIA the info addressees will follow.

5. Priority action this message is requested because this aircraft is presently operational.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
Washington, D.C., March 15, 1968.

Mr. JOHN G. HARLAN, Jr.,
*Commissioner, Property Management and Disposal Service,
General Services Administration,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. HARLAN: Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1968, advising us that you have granted the Department of the Navy an interim exception to Federal Property Management Regulation (FPMR) subpart 101-46.4901 concerning property ineligible for exchange/sale. It is noted that the exception covers those items in Federal supply classification (FSC) group 16, aircraft components and accessories, and the airframe structural components portion of FSC group 15, and that it will expire on August 31, 1968.

As a result of your letter, a review of this matter has been made with the Departments of the Army and Air Force. We have ascertained that they have, or anticipated having much the same problem as the Navy, in that they have in their inventories commercially designed and manufactured aircraft, and rely upon the manufacturer for parts support for them.

In view of the existence of these parts support agreements which depend upon trade-ins, it is believed to be in the best interest of the U.S. Government for the DOD to be authorized to exchange/sale nonexcess replacement commercial type aircraft spare parts and airframe structural components with the manufacturer for immediate replacement with new or remanufactured similar items.