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Authority to Pay Taxi Fares from [REDACTED] the District.

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 13 December 1961, transmitting a copy of a memorandum authorizing the purchase and use of a special bus to furnish transportation of Agency personnel between a central point within the District of Columbia and [REDACTED]. In reviewing this memorandum and the provisions of Public Law 600, 79th Congress, we do not find any authority to make payments for taxi fares incurred by employees for travel between their residence and place of employment.

2. In the absence of specific authority, the Comptroller General of the United States has consistently ruled that it is the responsibility of the employee to place himself at his place of employment and return to place of residence, even under emergency and unusual conditions.

3. Inasmuch as the General Counsel concurred in the purchase and use of the special bus, it is suggested that the problem be submitted to his office for possible specific authority to make payments for such taxi fares, or submission to the General Accounting Office for a decision. (See B-141142, dated 15 December 1959 (copy attached) and 27 Comp. Gen. 1.



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