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Shipment of Household Goods to [REDACTED]

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1. The basic memorandum of August 30, 1949, from the Assistant Director of Operations, recommends that a [REDACTED] stationed on [REDACTED] be permitted to purchase a refrigerator in the United States at his own expense and ship it to his station on [REDACTED] at the expense of the Government.

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2. Since the refrigerator is property acquired after the date of travel orders issued to the employee, [REDACTED] reimbursement by the Government for transportation of the article falls clearly within the prohibition indicated in the Comptroller General's opinion in 13 Comp. Gen. page 464, which states in syllabus: "Articles of personal property acquired after the effective date of change of station orders may not be included in authorized change of station allowance of baggage."

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3. Certain benefits of the Foreign Service have been extended to employees of this Agency overseas, but members of [REDACTED] have not been included within this group and the more liberal allowances and privileges are not available to them. If the particular hardship in this case appears to be so exceptional that confidential funds should be extended to this individual as a special case, then the Director's personal approval would be necessary. However, for purposes of consistency in the uniform treatment of personnel, this case does not appear to be that unusual.

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4. In view of the fact that employee is not entitled to Foreign Service benefits, and the payment of such transportation of household goods is prohibited by the Comptroller General, reimbursement of this expense is not recommended for approval.

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