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The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives

Subject: *Federally Chartered Corporation: Financial Statement Audit Report for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association for Fiscal Year 2003*

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we read the audit report covering the financial statements of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, a federally chartered corporation, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003. The corporation's purposes include preserving and encouraging the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to Pearl Harbor.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. §10101 to

- present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements and
- obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant.

Our objective was to advise you of any matters in the report regarding compliance with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we read the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, and read the auditor's report. We also held limited discussions with the corporation's auditor regarding potential enhancements that could be made to the corporation's financial reporting. We did not identify any instance of noncompliance with the above financial reporting requirements of the law.

We did not perform an audit or review the auditor's working papers, and we are not rendering an audit opinion.

The audit report included the auditor's opinion that, with one exception, the financial statements of the corporation were presented fairly on a modified cash basis of accounting. The exception relates to the fact that the auditor was not present to observe the physical inventory count at September 30, 2003, and the corporation's records do not permit adequate retroactive tests of inventory balances. The corporation reported a prior period adjustment of \$11,689 to correct for errors made in prior year's financial statements. We are returning the audit report you sent with your letter.

This letter is intended solely for your use and the use of the Committee on the Judiciary. This letter will be available at no charge on GAO's Web site at <http://www.gao.gov>.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter, please contact me at (202) 512-3406 or by e-mail at [sebastians@gao.gov](mailto:sebastians@gao.gov). Contact points for our Offices of Congressional Relations and Public Affairs may be found on the last page of this letter. Key contributors to this letter were David Elder, Charles Payton, and Lien To.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven J. Sebastian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "S".

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