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Comptroller General of the United States David M. Walker issued the following statement in response to the decision of Judge John D. Bates in the case of *Walker v. Cheney*:

“We are very disappointed with the Judge’s decision. We are in the process of reviewing and analyzing the decision to fully understand the bases for it and its potential implications. We will consider whether or not to appeal after we have completed this review and consulted with Congressional leadership on a bi-partisan basis.”