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SUBJECT: Non-Foreign Cost of Living Allowance

On October 26, 1994, the Office of Personnel Management published a final rule to increase cost of living allowance (COLA) rates in certain non-foreign overseas areas. These increases will be effective the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after October 26, 1994. The following COLA rates are increased:

<u>Allowance Area/Category</u>	<u>Previous Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
County of Kauai, Hawaii All Employees	17.5%	20.0%
Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Commissary/Exchange	17.5%	20.0%
U.S. Virgin Islands All Employees	12.5%/17.5%*	17.5%

* Old rates for St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John, respectively.

The final rule also amended Appendix B of Subpart B, Part 591, Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations--PLACES AND RATES AT WHICH DIFFERENTIALS SHALL BE PAID. The appendix authorizes differentials in the following non-foreign areas:

25% in American Samoa (including the island of Tutuila, the Manua Islands, and all other islands of the Somoa group east of longitude 171 degrees west of Greenwich, together with Swains Island);

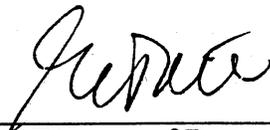
25% on Johnston and Sand Island;

25% in the Midway Islands;

20% in the Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

25% on Wake Island.

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