

SBA Fires Two-- Corruption Case

Washington.

The Small Business Administration yesterday fired two former regional directors accused by the agency's head of covering up corruption.

The agency did not specify, however, any of the charges against Russell Hamilton Jr., former head of the SBA's Philadelphia office, and Thomas F. Regan, former district director in Richmond, "so as not to

prejudice any appeals that might be made."

The formal firing came after SBA consideration of letters the men had submitted to counter the charges lodged against them when their firing were proposed December 20. The defenses were not disclosed, either.

The two men can appeal the action to SBA Administrator Thomas S. Kleppe and the Civil Service Commission, the SBA said.

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