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Error by U.S. Reported In Property Transfer 3 1976

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP)—The Government may have mistakenly given a large military contractor substantially more property than it meant to when it traded for a building in California, the General Accounting Office reported today.

The building, in Laguna Miguel, Calif., is now a virtually empty Federal office building. In the exchange, the General Services Administration gave the Rockwell International Corporation property it valued at \$19.5 million, but that was later appraised by Rockwell at \$27.3 million.

The accounting office said Rockwell is now claiming title to a number of special installations at a former Air Force plant at Canoga Park, Calif., that the services administration had meant to exclude from the exchange.

The services administration told the Congressional auditors that it thought the installations belonged to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which also operated out of the Canoga Park plant. It specifically excluded NASA facilities from the exchange, the G.S.A. said. But the property was transferred to the Air Force, which was involved in the exchange.