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In reply refer to
RRB No. A 304-14-7455
Norma M. Maynard, Dec'd Widow
DOC: OPR

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your letter of August 13, 1992, has been referred to me for response.

Mrs. Maynard became entitled to an aged widow's insurance annuity, under the Railroad Retirement Act, effective with the month in which her husband died--January 1979. Payment of her survivor benefits was processed on April 2, 1979, and released to her at 1221 - 7th St., Boone, IA 50036. In August 1980, the Railroad Retirement Board was informed that Mrs. Maynard had disappeared on February 4, 1979. Therefore, her survivor benefit was suspended in September. The Board was subsequently notified that she was declared dead in 1986.

In accordance with the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act, no benefits were payable to Mrs. Maynard from the month of her disappearance. Therefore, since the railroad retirement checks released after her disappearance were not returned for cancellation, the above claim number has a pending overpayment of \$7,387.97. This is based on the not-due railroad retirement benefits released from the month of February 1979 through August 1980.

Since 1986 the Board has received no additional information on this case regarding Mrs. Maynard's disappearance.

Very truly yours,

Leonard L. Besler
Chief of Compliance

cc: Field Office
Des Moines, IA