

## U.S. GOVERNMENT SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

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Mr. Duane D. Pearsall, President STATITROL 140 South Union Boulevard Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Dear Mr. Pearsall:

The naming of a National Small Business winner for 1976 was one of the most enjoyable responsibilities I have had since I have been at SBA. That does not match, however, the enjoyment I had in meeting you and listening to your acceptance speech. You represent the finest essence of what a small businessman is in America.

I hope you will be able to take time out of your busy schedule to speak on behalf of small business during the year. Because you are a member of the business community, you will be a particularly effective spokesman for small business throughout the country.

Your thoughtfulness in sending The President and me the smoke-guard units is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, because of federal regulations, we are unable to accept your kind gift. Therefore, I am returning the two units to you.

Again, I want to congratulate you on becoming our Small Businessman of the Year. You richly deserve it.

Singerely,

Mitchell P. Kobelinski