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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at a Holiday Reception Hosted by the Boeing Washington, DC, International Operations Department, December 8, 2005

On December 8, 2005, the Boeing Washington, DC International Operations Department will host its holiday reception at the Boeing Company's Conference Center in Rosslyn, VA. Approximately 500 individuals have been invited to attend. The event will be widely attended by officials from other Federal agencies, DoD, foreign embassies, academia, think tank organizations, and aerospace associations. The estimated cost of the stand-up reception, which includes all food and beverages, is approximately \$35.00 per person. The reception will allow NASA employees the opportunity to discuss with other guests the accomplishments and progress of the Space Program as well as other aspects of common interests.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Boeing, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves and their spouses or guests.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Boeing, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(1) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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R. Andrew Falcon