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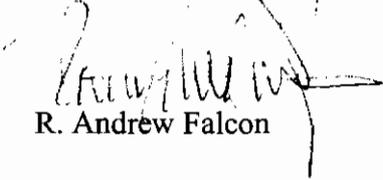
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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the National Space Club Luncheon, February 9, 2006

On February 9, 2006, the National Space Club will host a luncheon at The L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, in Washington, DC. NASA Administrator Michael D. Griffin is the guest speaker. Dr. Griffin's topic will be a briefing to industry on the NASA budget. Dr. Edward Weiler, Director, Goddard Space Flight Center will make brief remarks and a plaque will be presented to another NASA official representing the Return to Flight team. The luncheon will be widely attended by Federal officials from some Government agencies, local government officials, Hill staffers, representatives of industry and private individuals. Approximately 120 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the luncheon, which includes all food and beverages, is \$75 per person. The luncheon will allow NASA employees the opportunity to discuss Dr. Griffin's speech with other guests, and to discuss the accomplishments and progress of the Space program and other aspects of common interest.

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 so that NASA invitees may attend the event without charge. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.


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