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Reply to Attn of: AL-07-080

TO: Distribution

FROM: AL/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Widely Attended Gathering Determination Regarding Attendance of  
the Scottish Space School USA Foundation (SSSUF) Graduation Dinner

On September 8, 2007, SSSUF will host its 2007 Graduation Dinner. The Graduation Dinner will be held at the Clear Lake Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas.

The Graduation Dinner will honor those students who have completed the 10 day space camp. The Scottish Space School is dedicated to exposing students with an extreme interest in space exploration to numerous space related topics, along with completing assigned problems and challenges. The program is led by Careers Scotland and run by the Space Center Houston staff, with input from NASA scientists and engineers. The Scottish Space School seeks to inspire young Scots to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math related courses of study, and consider careers in these same fields.

This event will be a widely attended gathering of individuals including representatives from the Houston area, the British Consulate, academia, and the aerospace industry. This event is by invitation only and will include cocktails, dinner, and live entertainment for all invitees at no charge.

The Graduation Dinner will provide an opportunity for NASA invitees to widely disseminate information to members of the local and international communities about the NASA Mission, Vision, goals, and statutory obligations. This will also provide an opportunity for NASA invitees to interact with Scottish students interested in math, science, engineering, and technology. I find that this event meets the requirements of a widely attended gathering as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g). Consequently, I conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties.

Therefore, NASA invitees may attend this event at no charge and accept any food or refreshments that may be offered.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard J. Roan".

Bernard J. Roan

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