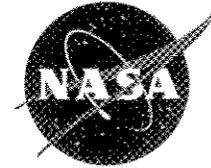


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Reply to Attn of General Law Practice Group

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SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at a Lecture
Co-sponsored by NASA and Lockheed Martin on October 14, 2010

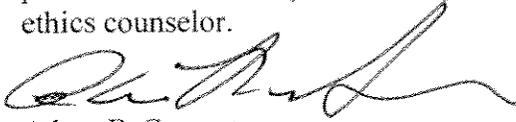
On October 14, 2010, NASA and Lockheed Martin will host a day long series of panel discussions entitled "Seeking Signs of Life: A Symposium Celebrating 50 Years of Exobiology and Astrobiology at NASA." The event will take place at Lockheed offices in Arlington, Virginia from 8 am to 5:00 pm. The event will provide information to members of various communities as well as the general public on NASA's milestones in Astrobiology in conjunction with interplanetary missions. Since Lockheed has been a partner with NASA for all major interplanetary missions to date, NASA has partnered with Lockheed for this presentation.

The program is open to members of the general public. Scientists; state and local officials; industry, media and congressional representatives; personnel from other Federal agencies; and representatives from other sectors are expected to attend. Approximately 150 people, including attendees, speakers and supporting staff will participate. The estimated value of the refreshments provided by Lockheed at the presentation, including a box lunch, coffee and snacks is \$20.00 per person. Accordingly, I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the presentations will give NASA employees the opportunity to share views on NASA's current and past programs and future activities, materially enhancing the information provided about NASA to the attendees. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Lockheed Martin may attend the program for free.

However, NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 may only attend if they reimburse the sponsors the cost any refreshments they consume other than very modest refreshments such as coffee and donuts that are not provided as part of a meal. Moreover, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Lockheed, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination

pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam F. Greenstone', written in a cursive style.

Adam F. Greenstone