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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at a Reception Hosted by Revelations Entertainment and Sponsored by Morgan Freeman and Lori McCreary in Celebration of the Mars Landing on August 4, 2012

On August 4, 2012, Revelations Entertainment will host a reception, sponsored by Morgan Freeman and Lori McCreary. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the Mars landing event.

Approximately 200 people were invited to attend the viewing, including NASA employees, television producers and writers, scientists and specialists in the field of cosmology, astronomy, physics, and quantum mechanics. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$25.00 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely-attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2).

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 event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsor, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for themselves and an invited guest for free attendance to the event.

However NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone