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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Space Foundation Breakfast on January 19, 2016

On January 19, 2016, the Space Foundation, a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, together with Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), a French Government entity, will host a breakfast at the Rayburn House Office Building Room B369 in Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Jean-Yves Le Gall, the President of CNES, who will discuss the French space policy as it pertains to the Franco-American cooperation.

Approximately 200 people have been invited to attend, including Congressional members and staff, academia, industry representatives, employees of other Federal agencies, members of the public and media. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$15 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.

NASA employees – including NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which they are required to sign an ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – whose duties do not substantially affect the Space Foundation, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the Space Foundation, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone