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FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Aura Development  
Commemoration, February 19, 2004

Northrop Grumman will sponsor the Aura Development Commemoration on February 19, 2004, at the Northrop Grumman Facility in Redondo Beach, CA. The purpose of the event is to honor the NASA and Northrop Grumman teams that have collaborated on the development of the Aura Earth Observing Satellite System. It has been determined to be in the best interest of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

This event will be widely attended by approximately 400 persons who share an interest in Aura's development as well as the important data that will be collected by Aura. Light refreshments will be served at this event. The cost is approximately \$10 person. In light of NASA's role in the development of the Aura spacecraft and the benefits to be derived from the data collected, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul G. Pastorek".

Paul G. Pastorek