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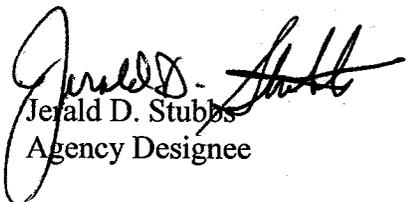
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FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: The Swift Launch Reception, November 16, 2004

The Boeing Company and General Dynamics will host a reception for the Swift Launch at the Kurt H. Debus Conference Facility, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex on Tuesday, November 16, 2004. The Swift spacecraft is a unique multi-wavelength observatory dedicated to the study of gamma-ray burst (GRB) science. Its instruments will work together to observe GRBs and afterglows in the gamma ray, X-ray, ultraviolet, and optical wavebands. The information gained from this mission will assist the agency in determining the origin of GRBs and generating the first sensitive hard X-ray survey of the sky. Approximately 250 guests from academia, space-related industries, and state and Federal Government were invited. The cost of the event is \$20 per person.

This event is a "widely attended gathering." It will provide agency representatives the opportunity to discuss the Swift mission and other matters of interest to NASA with officials from other Federal and state agencies, members of academia, and representatives of the space industry. It is in the Government's best interest for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend as representatives of NASA. In accordance with 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(3)(i), Widely Attended Gatherings and Other Events, I have determined NASA's ongoing interest in increasing awareness of the Agency's mission and in the dissemination of information about its activities outweighs the concern that free attendance at this event may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties. Accordingly, NASA invitees may attend this event provided they take annual leave.


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