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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: 0120/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Greater Cleveland Growth Association's 41st Public Officials Reception

The Greater Cleveland Growth Association will host the 2004 Public Officials reception offering attendees the opportunity to meet Ohio public officials who make key decisions affecting the growth and development of businesses, universities, colleges and other entities in Ohio. The reception will be held on Friday, November 19, 2004 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Windows on the River Banquet Facility, located in the Powerhouse in the Flats of downtown Cleveland at, 2000 Sycamore St., Cleveland, Ohio. The Greater Cleveland Growth Association has invited several NASA employees to attend the event. I have determined it 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.

The reception will be a widely attended gathering of more than 600 individuals who are Ohio House and Senate members, state and county officials, mayors, city council members, judges, and officials who work in the Government, educational, profit and non-profit sectors. NASA invitees will have the opportunity to meet with key public officials who make decisions that affect the development and advancement of the state and region. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages, is \$65.00 per person. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R § 2635.204 (g). In light of NASA's involvement in research programs and support of the state and local community, 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.

Accordingly, NASA Glenn Research Center employees and their spouses who are invited may participate in the reception without charge.


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