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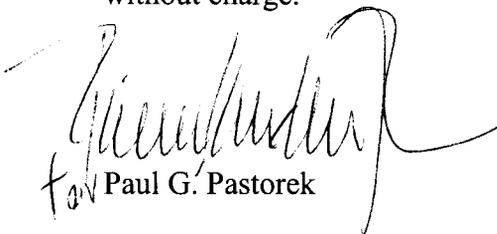
FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at Carroll High School Event
Honoring General Kostelnik, April 23, 2004

On April 23, 2004, Carroll High School in Corpus Christi, Texas will hold an educational event and awards dinner honoring distinguished alumni. General Kostelnik, the Deputy Associate Administrator for Space Station and Shuttle Programs at NASA, will be one of the honored alumni. 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.

The educational event will be widely attended by faculty and high school students, awardees and their families, NASA employees, and community leaders. General Kostelnik will speak on the space program and will highlight the importance of science and education to approximately 500 advanced placement math and science students. In addition, Ellen Ochoa will speak about how she became a NASA astronaut. Approximately 50 people are expected to attend the awards dinner where General Kostelnik will be presented with a commemorative paperweight and plaque. The estimated fair market value of the dinner is \$25.00 per person. 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 invitees may participate in the event and associated awards dinner without charge.


for Paul G. Pastorek