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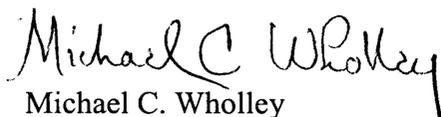
FROM: General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Reception and Dinner
Honoring James W. Dyer for his Public Service Career

On September 8, 2004, the University of Scranton President, Board of Trustees and the President's Council of Washington, will host a reception and dinner to honor James W. Dyer, Staff Director, Committee on Appropriations, United States House of Representatives. The reception and dinner will be held at Rooftop Terrace in Washington, D.C. 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 reception will be widely attended by officials from other Federal agencies, members of Congress and their staff, academia, and other members of the public and private sector. Approximately 400 people have been invited. The estimated cost of food and beverage is \$85 per person. Mr. Dyer will be presented the Magis Award, which is presented to individuals who have achieved excellence in their professions and who have demonstrated extraordinary compassion for others. Jim Dyer's distinguished career in public service and his concern for the well being of all Americans merit this special recognition. Accordingly, I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I therefore conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence NASA employees in the performance of their official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees and their spouses or guests may attend this event without charge.


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