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FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Fifth Annual Stanley
Suyat Leadership Award Dinner, May 4, 2004

The Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) will host the Fifth Annual Stanley Suyat Leadership Award Dinner on May 4, 2004, at the Army Navy Club at Farragut Square. The special award winner this year is the Honorable Mike Honda, U.S. Representative from the State of California. There will also be a special celebration of the 10th Anniversary of AAGEN. The mission of the AAGEN is to promote, expand and support leadership in Federal, state, and local government. 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 event will be widely attended by members of Congress and staffers, other Federal agencies, state government, and the general public. Approximately 500 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event, per person, which includes all food and beverages is, \$85 for members and \$100 for non-members. NASA is greatly interested in fostering support for culturally, racially, and ethnically diverse participation in Government. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concerns 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 dinner without charge.


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