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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN L. O'BRIEN
GENERAL COUNSEL
NASA

Orig. signed by FFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Money Mail Following Shuttle Disaster

The White House has been receiving numerous donations in the wake of the Space Shuttle disaster. A member of my staff discussed the appropriate handling of such donations with Helen Kupperman of your staff, and learned of the manner in which similar donations sent directly to NASA are being handled. I agree with Ms. Kupperman's recommendation that donations received at the White House be sent to NASA for processing. Attached is a copy of the memorandum I have sent to the White House Office of Correspondence, directing that office to send Space Shuttle donations it receives to the appropriate office at NASA.

Thank you for your assistance.

Attachment

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cc: FFFielding
JGRoberts
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES DONOVAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING ^{Orig. signed by FFF}
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: Money Mail Following Shuttle Disaster

You have asked for guidance on handling the numerous donations the White House has been receiving in the wake of the Space Shuttle disaster. After discussion with the Office of the General Counsel at NASA, it is our view that donations sent to the White House because of the Shuttle disaster should be forwarded to NASA for handling. NASA will accept unconditional donations pursuant to its current statutory authority. Although NASA does not at present have authority to accept conditional gifts -- and many of the donations in question fall into this category -- legislation has been introduced to grant NASA such authority for this particular situation. Accordingly, NASA has established a special escrow account for receipt of conditional gifts, pending passage of the legislation. If the legislation does not pass, the conditional gifts will be returned.

You should forward donations sent to the White House to Richard J. Powell, Director of Financial Management Division, Code BF, NASA, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20546. NASA will correspond directly with the donor to acknowledge receipt of the donation, and process it as appropriate in light of the foregoing.

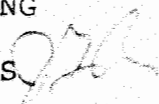
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Money Mail Following Shuttle Disaster

The Office of Correspondence has asked for guidance on handling the dozens of checks they have been receiving in the wake of the Shuttle disaster. NASA has statutory authority to accept unconditional gifts, 42 U.S.C. § 2473(c)(4), and has been accepting donations that are not explicitly restricted to the shuttle program, depositing the donation into the fund already established for gifts.

NASA does not currently have authority to accept conditional gifts, and many of the checks both it and the White House have been receiving are earmarked for the shuttle program. Legislation has been introduced in both the Senate and the House, with impressive sponsorship, to permit NASA to accept conditional gifts for this purpose only. The legislation provides that if Congress does not authorize another shuttle, the funds would go to the unconditional gift account. In light of this legislation, NASA has set up an escrow account, for deposit of conditional gifts. If the legislation passes, the conditional gifts would be accepted pursuant to the terms of the bill. If the bill fails, NASA plans to return all the conditional gifts.

I discussed this question with the NASA General Counsel's office. It is the view of that office that checks received at the White House should be forwarded to NASA. NASA will handle the forwarded letters as it handles checks it receives directly, sending an appropriate response and depositing the funds either in the unconditional gift account or the special escrow account. I have no objection to this proposal, which can be implemented by your sending the attached memoranda to Charles Donovan and Jack O'Brien.

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Name of Correspondent: Charles Donovan☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: 7 pages mail following shuttle
disaster

ROUTE TO:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1986

380840 *cu*

TO: WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

FROM: CHARLES A. DONOVAN *CD*
Office of Correspondence

RE: Money Mail Following Shuttle
Disaster

Attached are two samples of money mail that has been received at the White House in the aftermath of the Challenger disaster. Thus far, these contributions have tended to be substantial ones made out to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or to some specific purpose related to Challenger, as indicated by the second of the two copies attached. According to press accounts, NASA has indicated its ability to accept public contributions, but has stated that it cannot accept funds for designated purposes. We request Counsel's guidance on appropriate procedures to be used for handling these contributions.

It has also come to our attention via press accounts that a fund has been established in the private sector to receive funds in trust for the dependents of the crew of Challenger. The bank receiving the funds is American Security & Trust of Washington, D.C. We have received several pieces of mail addressed to this bank c/o the White House. These have been forwarded. We would appreciate guidance on checks addressed to the President but intended for the bank as well.

January 29, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

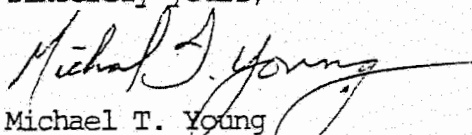
Enclosed is a check for \$100.00 for the exclusive use of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

This is my contribution to the construction of a new orbiter, my confidence in NASA and our space program and in tribute to the seven Americans who died for our nation.

With your leadership and support perhaps fifteen million other Americans would give \$100.00 as a sign of their support and appreciation. We would then have a new orbiter dedicated to those who lost their lives for us.

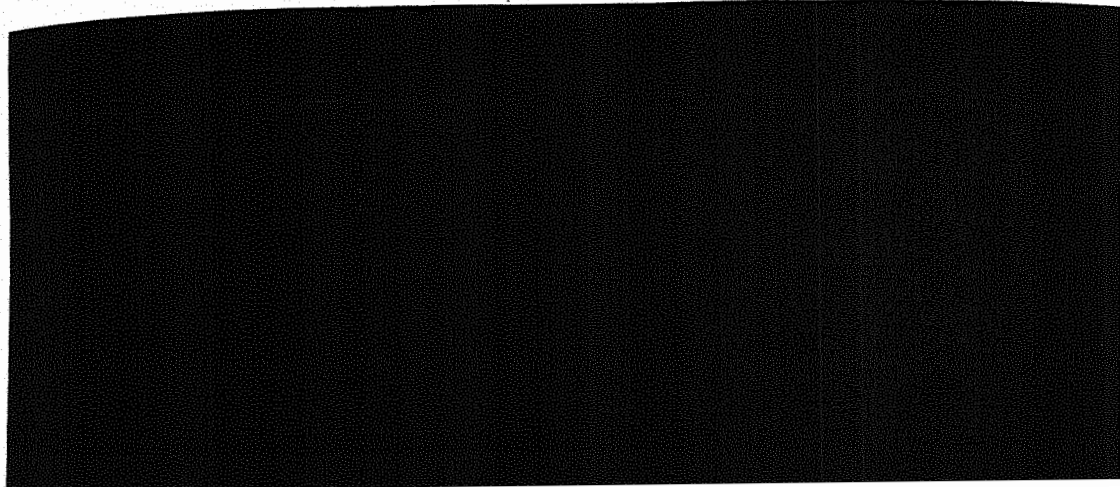
Thank you for your continuing support of space exploration.

Sincerely yours,



Michael T. Young
1148 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

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Michael Levin
145 West 45th Street / Penthouse
New York, New York 10036
Tel. (212) 869-4580
Telex: 237078 BERN5 UR

COPY - Reagan Presidential Record

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Wednesday, January 29, 1986

Dear President Reagan:

As you must have been, I was saddened upon learning of the deaths the seven Americans and the destruction of the shuttle Challenger. We were all aware of the dangers in the exploration of space, but the reality of the sudden loss of life in a fire ball is a chilling reminder of the cost of progress.

I feel very strongly that the United States must stay in the fore front of space exploration no matter what the price. Each american must put in his share. To some that is his life, a husband or wife, to others a mother or father, but each of us must put something foward to prove our commitment to progress. Mr. President I propose that the price of building the "challenger II" should be directly from the american people, not in taxes but personally. Each one of us should give something, five dollars, ten dollars or whatever we can. I enclose my personal check to start the ball rolling and make it out to the Challenger II challenge. I hope that enoughf Americans will do the same to cover the cost of this project.

At this time in history I am proud to be an American and thankfull for your leadership. We live in the most free land in the world, when we are confronted by the reality of the shuttle desaster or a terrorest attack we must be strong and know that all progress and privleege has a price, as I stated before the price is greater to some that to others but all of us must pay in some way.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES DONOVAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Anonymous Money Order

You have asked for guidance on an anonymous money order made out to "President Ronald Reagan and NASA." You stated that past experience indicates it is impossible to determine the identity of the donor in such cases.

The money order should be sent to NASA, consistent with the advice you recently received from this office on the general handling of donations received in the wake of the Space Shuttle tragedy. NASA will accept the donation as an unconditional gift.

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[Signature]

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

382619 *cu*

February 15, 1986

TO: WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

FROM: CHARLES A. DONOVAN *[Signature]*
Office of Correspondence

RE: Anonymous Money Order

Attached is a piece of correspondence post-marked Van Nuys, California, which was received this past week at the White House. It is anonymous. Enclosed with the correspondence is a money order in the amount of \$100 endorsed to "President Reagan and NASA (space program)". Past experience with such anonymous postal money orders has shown that it is impossible to identify the purchaser in these cases. We have not contacted the Postmaster in this instance based on this past experience.

We would appreciate guidance on appropriate disposition of this monetary item.

cc: Pending File

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FROM AN AMERICAN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN
RE SPACE PROGRAM

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Jan. 30, 86

Dear Mr. President

I was deeply grieved at the loss of our space shuttle and crew. We cannot bring back our people, but have they died in vain?! We must press forward. **WE CAN DO BETTER!**

I got to thinking, --- if every American gave \$5 or \$10 we could build a new and better Challenger. Please accept this check for the space program. It's a start. In the future I will be able to do more. I believe most Americans feel the same way, please ask them!

My deepest sympathies for the families of the shuttle crew. They died in the service of our nation and in an effort to advance the knowledge of men.

Please agree with me in prayer, that God will grant understanding and wisdom to their families to deal with the tragedy.

The Technologies generated by the space program have the potential to benefit all nations. Our renewed and redoubled efforts are needed.

We can travel into space with aspirations to touch the hand of God. Perhaps as we do we shall gain the perspective to find Him in our hearts. If we Americans have ought to give the World, this is our greatest asset.

An American

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1986

Dear Judge Rosenstein:

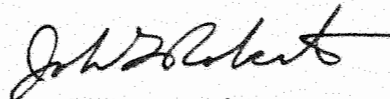
Thank you for your letter of January 29 to the President. In that letter you suggested that the Government pursue immediate plans to finance a replacement for the Space Shuttle Challenger through private contributions.

Donations for that purpose have been arriving at NASA and at the White House. The handling of these donations is somewhat complicated by the fact that at present NASA only has statutory authority to accept unconditional gifts, see 42 U.S.C. § 2473(c)(4). Those donations that are unconditional are being accepted. Many of the donations are conditional, however, in that they are earmarked for a replacement shuttle. Legislation has been introduced to permit NASA to accept such gifts under these limited circumstances. NASA is holding conditional gifts in a special escrow account, pending consideration of this legislation.

We appreciate your interest in this question and are grateful for the benefit of your views and suggestions. Please be assured that they will be given every appropriate consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

The Honorable Samuel M. Rosenstein
Senior Judge
2200 S. Ocean Lane
Apartment 1508
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 03, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE SAMUEL M. ROSENSTEIN

SUBJECT: WRITES WITH SUGGESTION FOR MEMORIAL TO
ASTRONAUTS FOR AMERICANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO
REPLACEMENT OF THE CHALLENGER SPACE SHUTTLE

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SENIOR JUDGE

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JUDGE SAMUEL M. ROSENSTEIN
2200 S. OCEAN LN., APT. 1508
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. 33316

Wednesday
1-29-86

Honorable Ronald Reagan
President - United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

While our Nation mourns the
air tragedy of yesterday and the death of the
5 men and 2 women — we must make
plans for the financing & replacement of the
Challenger.

I think all Americans & the world
would like to establish a memorial for those
~~for~~ brave persons. What better way than to
contribute to a fund to build the replacement?

If you concur in this thought —
then may I suggest you mention this in your
address to the Nation on February 4.th I think
there would be an outpouring of contributions —
large & small from this one message. Immediately
a committee of the news media — T.V., Radio,
newspapers, etc. could keep the conscience of
America alive by sending their gifts to a
designated source in each State for transmittal
to Washington — earmarked with a Trust for
this sole purpose.

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The time to appeal is now - while
the sorrow has not had time to ~~settle~~
heal - You should be the Chairman of
the Committee - it should be non-partisan
in its composition.

The financial loss of yesterday can
thru be recovered while at the same time
the World would be expressing its sorrow
& gratitude to those seven who did not
die in vain.

With expressions of my
highest regards & esteem,

Cordially,

Sam M. Rosenstein

* Federal Reserve Bank in each
state.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Remarks: Memorial Service
for the Challenger Crew

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed remarks, and recommend deleting the paragraphs on pages 4 and 5 discussing the Challenger Seven Fund. I have no information on this Fund, and serious supplementation of appropriations problems may be raised by a private sector effort to fund aspects of the space program. At least until I learn more, the President should not endorse the Fund.

Likewise, I object to the term "Magnificant Seven"; I suggest the "Challenger Seven".


cc: Dave Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Remarks: Memorial Service
for the Challenger Crew

Attached are the President's remarks for the Challenger memorial service. They touch briefly on a few personal points about each of the deceased astronauts, and move to a recommitment to the space program. In the carryover paragraph between pages 4 and 5, the remarks cite the Challenger Seven Fund, which apparently seeks to raise the money for a replacement shuttle through private donations. I have no information on this apparently private sector effort, and would delete mention of it at this point. On its face this approach raises serious supplementation of appropriations problems.

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

January 30, 1986

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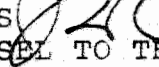
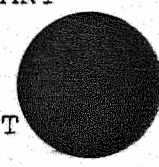
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Mr. Lazurus --
United Airlines

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential letter and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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THE WHITE-HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 1986

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 2/28/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3/2/86SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL THANK-YOU LETTER TO UNITED AIRLINES

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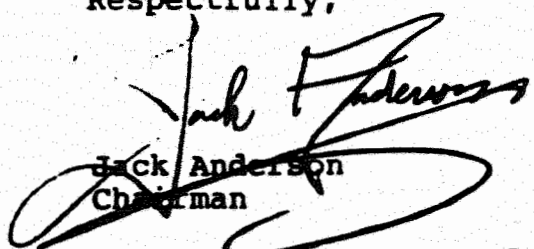
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Subject: Thank you note to United Airlines

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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cc: Donald Regan

Other:

Return draft to Mr. Chew by 3-3-8

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WHCC: Mr. Jack Anderson, Chairman
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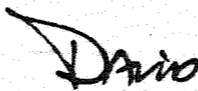
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Response to
United Airlines' Assistance Following
Shuttle Challenger Accident

You have asked for our views on the advisability of a Presidential message to United Airlines thanking that company for its assistance, rendered in connection with the Young Astronaut Program, during the Space Shuttle Challenger accident. This office would have no objection to a brief, appropriately-worded message that discussed solely United's contributions and not any aspect of its commercial endeavors. This office should review any such message before it is sent.

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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June 10, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: NANCY F. JANES

SUBJECT: Presidential Commission on the
Space Shuttle Challenger Accident

I have reviewed your comments on my memorandum on the reimbursement of expenses for members of the Space Shuttle Commission and have made the revisions you suggested.

Attached for your review and signature is a memorandum to Donald T. Regan on the subject.

The following is a discussion of the issues I considered in reaching the conclusions contained in the attached memorandum.

On February 3, 1986, the President signed Executive Order 12546, which created the Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident. Since the Commission's inception, its members have found it difficult to remain within the \$75.00 per diem they receive for lodging and food. In response to a request from the Office of Cabinet Affairs, my office has researched the issue to determine whether there is a way for members of the Commission to have their expenses covered more fully, either from NASA's own funds or from contributions from private entities.

Executive Order 12546 provides that Commission members shall not be compensated for their work on the Commission. However, the members of the Commission who are appointed from among private citizens "may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, to the extent permitted by law for persons serving intermittently in the government service (5 U.S.C. §§ 5701-5707)." According to 5 U.S.C. § 5703, an intermittent employee of the government, who is serving without pay, is allowed travel expenses while on official business away from his home or regular place of business. Although section 5702 of 5 U.S.C. and the Federal Travel Regulations provide for a maximum per diem of \$50.00 for official travel within the coterminous United States, travel to certain high cost areas in the U.S. may be reimbursed up to \$75.00. All of the locations in which the Shuttle Commission meets are high cost locations so that members of the Commission have been receiving reimbursements for their actual daily expenses, up to \$75.00.

This is the statutory maximum daily rate, and individual agencies, such as NASA, do not have authority to reimburse

individuals for expenses in excess of that amount. (GSA Bulletin FPMR A-40, Supp. 1, Par. 1-8.2a(2)).

Since NASA lacks the authority to provide additional reimbursements, the remaining possibility is to have sources from the private sector pay all or a portion of the members' expenses. There are two possible approaches for doing this. The first approach is based on NASA's statutory gift acceptance authority, which allows it to accept "unconditional gifts or donations of services, money, or property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible." 42 U.S.C. § 2473(b)(4). If a nongovernmental entity would like to donate money or services to NASA to cover the Commission's expenses, that organization would have to make an unconditional donation to NASA. The funds would supplement NASA's appropriations, and NASA would have the right to use the funds for whatever purpose it deemed appropriate. However, since NASA's authority to reimburse its employees from its own funds is limited by statute, a contribution such as this would not help the members of the Commission, because even with the additional funds, NASA only has authority to reimburse its employees up to \$75.00 per day.

A second aspect of NASA's gift acceptance authority could possibly be used to supplement individual Commission members' travel expenses. NASA has the authority to accept from outside sources transportation, accommodations, and subsistence furnished in-kind by an organization. An appropriate organization may provide a NASA employee with a hotel room or meals, and those in-kind benefits may exceed \$75.00. According to 14 C.F.R. § 1207.735-201(d)(9), when such arrangements are made, NASA will make appropriate deductions in the travel, per diem, and other allowances otherwise payable to the employee. In no case shall a NASA employee accept benefits which are "under prudent standards extravagant or excessive in nature." The difficulty with using this method is that neither NASA nor the employer may solicit the funds and the organization may not use funds from a NASA grant. It is not clear that the benefits from this type of arrangement would be significant, since all or part of the in-kind reimbursements may be deducted from the employee's travel allowance. Furthermore, this method can only be used prospectively so it will not provide any relief for expenses the members of the Commission have already incurred.

The only workable approach here is to have the private sector employers of the members of the Commission or some other private source make reimbursements directly to the individual Commission members. One limitation is that NASA's standards of conduct prohibit its employees from receiving anything of monetary value from an entity that does business with NASA. However, both NASA and the Office of Government Ethics agree that Commission members may request and receive reimbursements of expenses they incur from their private sector employers, even if those employers do business with NASA.

NASA's standards of conduct contain other restrictions on its employees' acceptance of funds from outside sources. The restrictions on the acceptance of gifts, entertainment, and favors at 14 C.F.R. § 1207.735-605(d) would apply to the acceptance of payments to cover travel expenses. The regulation states that a special government employee, while so employed or in connection with his employment, shall not receive or solicit from anyone having business with his agency, anything of value for himself or another person. (Emphasis added.) Another provision, 14 C.F.R. § 1207.735-100(e), provides that NASA employees must avoid any actions which might result in, or create the appearance of, using public office for private gain. Section 1207.735-100(d) prohibits a NASA employee from using his government position to coerce, or give the appearance of coercing, another person to provide a financial benefit to him.

The NASA standards of conduct suggest that it is inappropriate for NASA employees to solicit funds from private entities to cover the expenses they incur in the course of their government duties. Both NASA and OGE indicate that a Commission member who is not currently employed in the private sector, or whose employer does not wish to pay his expenses, could not accept payments from organizations that conduct business with NASA, because NASA's standards of conduct prohibit an employee from soliciting or receiving anything of monetary value from such sources. However, it might be permissible for the individual to accept unsolicited payments to cover expenses in excess of the \$75.00 per day he has already received, as long as the organization providing the funds does not conduct business with NASA.

When this is presented to the members of the Commission, they must be made aware of the limitations on the acceptance of funds so that they do not inadvertently violate NASA's standards of conduct. Any abuse of this use of private funds could lead to questions regarding the Commission's independence and integrity.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1986

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This is the statutory maximum daily rate, and individual agencies, such as NASA, do not have authority to reimburse individuals for expenses in excess of that amount. (GSA Bulletin FPMR A-40, Supp. 1, Par. 1-8.2a(2)).

Since NASA lacks the authority to provide additional reimbursements, the remaining possibility is to have sources from the private sector pay all or a portion of the members' expenses.

The only workable approach here is to have the private sector employers of the members of the Commission or some other private source pay their expenses. Both NASA and the Office of Government Ethics agree that Commission members may request and receive reimbursements of expenses they incur from their private sector employers, even if those employers do business with NASA, as long as such reimbursement follows the employer's usual practices for reimbursing employees engaged in business travel.

There is also the possibility that Commission members who are not employed may be reimbursed by non-employers, but some limitations apply. The NASA standards of conduct suggest that it is inappropriate for NASA employees to solicit funds from private entities, other than their employers, to cover the expenses they incur in the course of their government duties. Both NASA and OGE indicate that a Commission member who is not currently employed in the private sector, or whose employer does not wish to pay his expenses, could not accept payments from organizations that conduct business with NASA. However, it might be permissible for the individual to accept unsolicited payments to cover expenses in excess of the \$75.00 per day he has already received, as long as the organization providing the funds does not conduct business with NASA.

Members of the Commission should be made aware of the limitations on the acceptance of funds described above, so that they do not inadvertently violate NASA's standards of conduct. Any abuse of this use of private funds could lead to questions regarding the Commission's independence and integrity.

June 6, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: NANCY F. JANES *Nancy F. Janes*

SUBJECT: Presidential Commission on the
Space Shuttle Challenger Accident

I have reviewed your comments on my memorandum on the reimbursement of expenses for members of the Space Shuttle Commission and have made the revisions you suggested.

Attached for your review and signature is a memorandum to Donald T. Regan on the subject.

The following is a discussion of the issues I considered in reaching the conclusions contained in the attached memorandum.

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Since NASA lacks the authority to provide additional reimbursements, the remaining possibility is to have sources from the private sector pay all or a portion of the members' expenses. There are two possible approaches for doing this. The first approach is based on NASA's statutory gift acceptance authority, which allows it to accept "unconditional gifts or donations of services, money, or property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible." 42 U.S.C. § 2473(b)(4). If a nongovernmental entity would like to donate money or services to NASA to cover the Commission's expenses, that organization would have to make an unconditional donation to NASA. The funds would supplement NASA's appropriations, and NASA would have the right to use the funds for whatever purpose it deemed appropriate. However, since NASA's authority to reimburse its employees from its own funds is limited by statute, a contribution such as this would not help the members of the Commission, because even with the additional funds, NASA only has authority to reimburse its employees up to \$75.00 per day.

A second aspect of NASA's gift acceptance authority could possibly be used to supplement individual Commission members' travel expenses. NASA has the authority to accept from outside sources transportation, accommodations, and subsistence furnished in-kind by an organization. An appropriate organization may provide a NASA employee with a hotel room or meals, and those in-kind benefits may exceed \$75.00. According to 14 C.F.R. § 1207.735-201(d)(9), when such arrangements are made, NASA will make appropriate deductions in the travel, per diem, and other allowances otherwise payable to the employee. In no case shall a NASA employee accept benefits which are "under prudent standards extravagant or excessive in nature." The difficulty with using this method is that neither NASA nor the employer may solicit the funds and the organization may not use funds from a NASA grant. It is not clear that the benefits from this type of arrangement would be significant, since all or part of the in-kind reimbursements may be deducted from the employee's travel allowance. Furthermore, this method can only be used prospectively so it will not provide any relief for expenses the members of the Commission have already incurred.

The only workable approach here is to have the private sector employers of the members of the Commission or some other private source make reimbursements directly to the individual Commission members. One limitation is that NASA's standards of conduct prohibit its employees from receiving anything of monetary value from an entity that does business with NASA. However, both NASA and the Office of Government Ethics agree that Commission members may request and receive reimbursements of expenses they incur from their private sector employers, even if those employers do business with NASA.

NASA's standards of conduct contain other restrictions on its employees' acceptance of funds from outside sources. The restrictions on the acceptance of gifts, entertainment, and favors at 14 C.F.R. § 1207.735-605(d) would apply to the acceptance of payments to cover travel expenses. The regulation states that a special government employee, while so employed or in connection with his employment, shall not receive or solicit from anyone having business with his agency, anything of value for himself or another person. (Emphasis added.) Another provision, 14 C.F.R. § 1207.735-100(e), provides that NASA employees must avoid any actions which might result in, or create the appearance of, using public office for private gain. Section 1207.735-100(d) prohibits a NASA employee from using his government position to coerce, or give the appearance of coercing, another person to provide a financial benefit to him.

The NASA standards of conduct suggest that it is inappropriate for NASA employees to solicit funds from private entities to cover the expenses they incur in the course of their government duties. Both NASA and OGE indicate that a Commission member who is not currently employed in the private sector, or whose employer does not wish to pay his expenses, could not accept payments from organizations that conduct business with NASA, because NASA's standards of conduct prohibit an employee from soliciting or receiving anything of monetary value from such sources. However, it might be permissible for the individual to accept unsolicited payments to cover expenses in excess of the \$75.00 per day he has already received, as long as the organization providing the funds does not conduct business with NASA.

When this is presented to the members of the Commission, they must be made aware of the limitations on the acceptance of funds so that they do not inadvertently violate NASA's standards of conduct. Any abuse of this use of private funds could lead to questions regarding the Commission's independence and integrity.

June 6, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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The NASA standards of conduct also suggest that it is inappropriate for NASA employees to solicit funds from private entities other than their employers to cover the expenses they incur in the course of their government duties. Both NASA and OGE indicate that a Commission member who is not currently employed in the private sector, or whose employer does not wish to pay his expenses, could not accept payments from organizations that conduct business with NASA, because NASA's standards of conduct prohibit an employee from soliciting or receiving anything of monetary value from such sources. However, it might be permissible for the individual to accept unsolicited payments to cover expenses in excess of the \$75.00 per day he has already received, as long as the organization providing the funds does not conduct business with NASA.

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