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On behalf of the over 1.8 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. I am writing to make you aware of a situation with grave consequence not only for the Teamsters Union, but also for the American labor movement in general. I have learned from our involved affiliate that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has not remained neutral in the labor relations of one of its contractor companies, and has, in fact, openly and selectively interfered with the attempts made by the Teamsters to organize employees of a Government contractor. NASA's conduct contravenes 41 C.F.R., Sec. 12.101(b), which states in pertinent part:

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WASHINGTON

December 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Letter Concerning NASA Involvement in the Labor Relations of Contractor

Company in Orlando, Florida

This matter may be closed out, with no need for action by our office. As you will see from the attached, the incoming letter to the President was appropriately answered on September 4 by NASA. The Teamsters were decisively defeated in the union election, the employees deciding in favor of no union, and the Teamsters have decided not to challenge the results.

Attachment

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First, Lockheed maintains that it made provisions in its contract with NASA for union organizing saying, "the company would require a National Labor Relations Board election so that (employees) would have the opportunity to vote for or against a union in a government conducted secret election." This commitment however, is contradictory to the relationship Lockheed allegedly entered into with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in February 1984. The Machinists have claimed, after the Teamsters filed a petition seeking to represent certain Shuttle Logistics employees, that the IAM already had a collective bargaining agreement covering certain of these employees. Unfortunately, these Lockheed employees had been given no opportunity to ratify a Machinist agreement, and had no knowledge that they were being represented by the IAM.

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Lastly, it has been learned that NASA has also been involved in or given its secret approval to action against employees favoring the Teamsters local. The actions have included questioning and "security" searches of personal property by security personnel at Kennedy Space Center.

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Mr. President, it is clear NASA is involved in practices which raise questions of its neutrality in the labor relations of its contractor companies. The instances of questionable behavior that I have provided give some indication of the gravity of this situation. They cannot be ignored. It is for this reason that I respectfully request your assistance in finding an equitable solution to this problem.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

Jackie Presser General President

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CC: The Honorable Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to the President
The Honorable Paul Laxalt
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The Honorable James A. Baker, III
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The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
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James Beggs, Administrator NASA

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Larry D. Parker, President

Teamsters Local Union 385, Orlando, Florida



National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Washington, D.C. 20546

Reply to Attn of NR

October 11, 1984

Mr. John Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President
Room 106
Old Executive Office Building
17th & G Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In accordance with your request to Mr. Jack O'Brien, NASA Deputy General Counsel, I am enclosing incoming copies of the letters from Mr. Jackie Presser to Mr. James Beggs and our responses regarding the issues raised by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) relative to their organizing efforts of employees of the Lockheed Space Operations Company at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The election was conducted by the National Labor Relations Board at Kennedy Space Center on September 21, 1984, and the results are as follows: No Union - 553, Teamsters - 176, International Association of Machinists - 5, and the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees - 4.

If you have any other questions on this matter, please give me a call (202-453-2882).

Sincerely,

Robert E. King
Director, Industrial Relations

Enclosures



Mr. Jackie Presser General President International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers of America 25 Louisiana Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Presser:

Your letter dated August 9, 1984, to Mr. James Beggs regarding the Teamsters organization campaign among the employees of the Lockheed Space Operations Company has been referred to me for review and reply.

As you know, Mr. Larry D. Parker, President and Business Manager of Teamsters Local No. 385, directed an earlier letter to Mr. Beggs which contains essentially the same issues that you have referred to in your letter. A reply to Mr. Parker's letter was mailed on August 30, 1984, which responded to each of the representation issues raised by him. In a subsequent telephone conversation with Mr. John Ring of your staff, he confirmed to me that my response to Mr. Parker adequately addressed these issues. Since the issues raised in your letter are essentially the same as Mr. Parker's, I am enclosing a copy of my reply letter to him.

We understand that the National Labor Relations Board Regional Office has completed their hearings in Titusville, Florida on this matter and have resolved the issues relative to an appropriate unit. We are also advised that they are scheduling a representation election some time during the latter part of September 1984.

We again wish to state that it is NASA's firm policy to remain neutral regarding contractor labor representation issues. We

trust that the contents of this letter, along with a copy of my letter to Mr. Parker, have adequately addressed the issues referred to in your correspondence of August 9, 1984. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert E. King Director, Industrial Relations

Enclosure



National Aeronautics and Space Aoministration

Washington, D.C. 20546

Reply to Allnot NR

August 20, 1984

Mr. Larry D. Parker
President and Business Manager
Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen &
Helpers Local No. 385
122 North Kirkman Road
Orlando, FL 32811

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of August 6, 1984, to Mr. James Beggs regarding the Teamsters organization campaign among the employees of Lockheed Space Operations performing various functions on their Shuttle Processing Contract with NASA at the Kennedy Space Center, has been referred to me for review and reply.

For your information, there has been a consistent and firm NASA policy of neutrality with regard to NASA contractor labor-management issues particularly those pertaining to union representation. As you know, these types of issues are normally handled by the National Labor Relations Board and in most cases the final determinations are made by the employees through secret ballot elections.

With regard to your stated concerns over Lockheed's alleged "assurances" to NASA requiring an NLRB election in the event of union organizing efforts and of your statement of job classifications "accretions," we feel it would be inappropriate for NASA to comment on this issue. We are advised that Teamsters Local 385 has filed with the NLRB unfair labor practice charges against Lockheed and IAM Lodge 166 on this matter.

Concerning your references to a "Lockheed-NASA-Team," quoted from the July 18, 1984, letter of Mr. Schroter to Lockheed Space Shuttle Operations employees, this is a common expression at the Space Center. Every individual or group including the various labor unions who contribute to the success of the Shuttle Program are considered members of the "team." I am sure this is the proper interpretation of that statement and has no reference to the



representation issues between your union and the Lockheed Company. Let me assure you that the Lockheed Space Operations Company is totally responsible for managing their Labor Relations on this contract.

We have investigated your allegations concerning security type issues and have been advised that the interrogation to which you referred was a direct result of a reported break-in and theft of company personnel documents sensitive to Lockheed. This matter was handled properly in accordance with normal security procedures and regulations.

Your allegations re statements you attributed to Mr. Harold Gooch at a recent labor-management meeting appears to be inaccurate. Mr. Gooch has emphatically stated that he did not voice nor infer any preference for one union versus another. In reviewing this matter with others present at that meeting, their recollections confirm Mr. Gooch's position.

As the National Labor Relations Board is currently conducting hearings in Titusville with respect to representation issues to which you referred, hopefully many or all of the issues you have raised will be resolved.

We again wish to state that it is NASA's firm policy to remain neutral regarding contractor labor representation issues. We trust that the contents of this letter have adequately addressed the issues stated in your correspondence of August 6, 1984. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert E. King /

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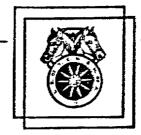
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August 9, 1984

CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT

Mr. James Beggs .
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20546

Re:

Lockheed Space Operations Company Kennedy Center (Shuttle Processing)

Dear Mr. Beggs:

I am writing to strongly request your attention and immediate action on a matter blatantly unfair, discriminatory, and of great concern to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. This situation has not only grave ramifications for the Teamsters, but for the entire American labor movement as well. I have learned from our involved affiliate that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has not remained neutral in the labor relations of one of its contractor companies, and has, in fact, openly and selectively interfered with the attempts made by the Teamsters to organize employees of a Government contractor. NASA's conduct contravenes 41 C.F.R., Sec. 12.101(b), which states in pertinent part:

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Mr. Administrator, it is clear your agency is involved in practices which raise questions of its neutrality in the labor relations of its contractor companies. The instances of questionable behavior that I have provided gives some indication of the gravity of this situation. They cannot be ignored. It is my belief that your intervention in this matter, which is absolutely essential, must begin immediately with a meeting between you, your staff, and Teamster representatives.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jackie Presser General President

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WASHINGTON

December 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

USTR Exclusion Order Regarding

Certain Vinyl-Covered Foam Blocks

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced memorandum for the President from Ambassador Brock, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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RESPONSE:

THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

William E. Brock

SUBJECT:

Section 337 Exclusion Order Issued by the U.S. International Trade Commission in Certain Vinyl-Covered Foam Blocks

By December 24, 1984, you must decide whether to take action with respect to an exclusion order issued by the U.S. International Trade Commission ("ITC") in Certain Vinyl-Covered Foam Blocks, Inv. No. 337-TA-178. I recommend that you take no action with respect to the exclusion order, thereby allowing the order to go into effect.

On October 25, 1984, pursuant to section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, the ITC transmitted an exclusion order prohibiting the importation of certain vinyl-covered foam blocks. The ITC issued the order after determining that imported foam blocks manufactured by a company from Hong Kong infringe a U.S. patent owned by The Dolly Toy Co. of Tipp City, Ohio.

Under section 337(g), an ITC order must be transmitted to you for a 60-day period of Presidential review. You may disapprove an order for policy reasons, including the impact of the order on the public health and welfare, competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, the production of like or directly competitive items in the U.S., and U.S. consumers. If you disapprove an exclusion order, the ITC's order is without force and effect. You may also expressly approve an order, rendering the order final and subject to judicial review on appeal. Absent Presidential approval or disapproval, the order goes into effect on the day following the 60-day review period.

I recommend that you take no action with respect to the Foam Blocks exclusion order, thereby permitting the order to go into effect. The members of the Trade Policy Committee (the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, and Treasury) are in unanimous agreement with this recommendation.

In reviewing the exclusion order, the Trade Policy Staff Committee found no policy concerns sufficient to justify Presidential disapproval. The foam blocks in question are a squeezable children's toy. There is no claim that foam blocks are vital to the public health and welfare. Competition between the patented foam blocks, other types of block toys, and other toys ensures a wide array of consumer choice and vigorous competition in the U.S. market. No representations have been received from any foreign government and there is no evidence that the order will have an adverse effect on our relations with other nations. Accordingly, I recommend that the order be permitted to go into effect.

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Option 2	Disapprove the order by delivering notice to the ITC by December 24, 1984. This will render the order without force and effect.
Option 3	Approve the order. Inform the ITC of your approval by December 24, 1984. The order will then be subject to judicial review on appeal.
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WASHINGTON

December 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER CLEGG

ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Crime in New York

The attached correspondence from a South African victimized by crime in New York is referred to the Department for direct response and whatever other action you consider appropriate. We have not responded to Mr. Joslin in any way.

Many thanks.

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January 7, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER CLEGG

ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Scandal in the Department of Agriculture

On December 10, 1984, Mr. Fielding referred to General Dinkins correspondence from Mr. Tom Minary containing various allegations of criminal conduct. The attached additional correspondence is referred to you for direct response and whatever other action you consider appropriate. The White House still has not responded to Mr. Minary in any way.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Scandal in the Department of Agriculture

Tom Minary has written Mr. Baker to urge him to have the Federal Bureau of Investigation launch an investigation into the "worst criminal fraud bribery and conspiracy scandal in the history of our country." That is, of course, the grain drying shrinkage schedule scandal, allegedly involving Cargill, Inc. and high-ranking Department of Agriculture officials. Supposedly Cargill, conspiring with USDA, brought about a shift from the use of tables developed by Mr. Minary to measure grain shrinkage in elevators to a different system more favorable to Cargill and less favorable to farmers. Minary has already contacted GAO and the FBI directly. His allegations should be referred to Justice for handling.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CAROL E. DINKINS

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Scandal in the Department of Agriculture

The attached correspondence, containing various allegations of criminal conduct, is referred to you for direct response and whatever other action you consider appropriate. You will notice that the correspondent has already been in contact with the Department of Justice. The White House has not responded to Mr. Minary in any way.

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

January 9, 1985

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of December 14, 1984 to Charles L. Jones of White House Mails has been referred to this office for consideration and response. In that letter you noted that you had, some time ago, sent the President a letter requesting him to autograph ten enclosed two-dollar bills.

A review of White House files indicates that a reply was sent to you on January 26, 1984, over the signature of Anne Higgins, Director of Correspondence. Your money was enclosed with the reply, which explained that it was White House policy not to autograph currency. I am enclosing a copy of the reply.

You will note that the reply contains your correct name, street address, and zip code, but the town name is rendered "Harhill" instead of "Haverhill." The town name in your hand-written incoming letter (copy enclosed) does appear to be "Harhill" rather than "Haverhill," which may explain the discrepancy.

Sincerely,

John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

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Mr. Melvin C. Jones 44 Adams Street Haverhill, MA 01830

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Melvin C. Jones
44 Adams St.
Haverhill, MA 01830
December 14, 1984

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Charles L. Jones
Supt. White House Mails
Washington, D.C. 20500

Sir:

Over one year ago I sent ten two-dollar bills and a letter to the President asking him to autograph them for me. I am sending a copy of your report stating that they were received. If they were not sent to the President, I would like to know why not. I will allow you until M December 28, 1984 to furnish me with the information before I take legal action.

Sincerely,

Melvin C. Jones
Tel. 1(617)372-3991

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January 9, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER CLEGG

ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Crime in New York

On December 28, 1984, we forwarded to you correspondence from a South African victimized by crime in New York. The attached additional correspondence is referred to the Department for direct response and whatever other action you consider appropriate. We have not responded to Mr. Joslin in any way.

Many thanks.

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