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May 5, 1988

Billy F. Thomas, Chairman  
Kenneth K. Cohen, President  
Thomas & Cohen Plumbing  
and Electrical, Inc.  
2975 Ned Shelton Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Dear Messrs. Thomas and Cohen:

Subject: Thomas & Cohen Plumbing and Electrical, Inc.  
Project Nos.: 086-35218-PM  
Piccadilly Apartments, Phase II  
Goodlettsville, Tennessee

DAKF 23-86-C-0014  
Renovate Building 2603  
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

DOL File No. 86-422-03815

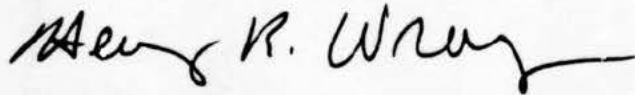
The Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated March 23, 1988, recommended to our Office that Thomas & Cohen Plumbing and Electrical, Inc., Billy F. Thomas, individually and as chairman, and Kenneth K. Cohen, individually and as president, be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982), with respect to the above-referenced contract.

We concur with the Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to debar persons or firms whom he finds have disregarded their obligations to employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record confirms that there were substantial violations in this case which constitute a disregard of obligations to employees with respect to the minimum wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Thomas & Cohen Plumbing and Electrical, Inc., Billy F. Thomas, individually and as chairman, and Kenneth K. Cohen, individually and as president, will be included on a list to be distributed to all departments of the government. Pursuant to statutory direction at 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2,

no contract shall be awarded to them or to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which they, or any of them, have an interest until 3 years have elapsed from the date of publication of such list.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry R. Wray", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henry R. Wray  
Associate General Counsel

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