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Sylvester L. Green, Director Contract Standards Operations U.S. Department of Labor Room S3518 200 Constitution Avenue, NW. Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Green:

Subject: James Parker

d/b/a Parker Painting Harbor City, California

Contract No.: N62474-82-B-2822

Exterior painting of hangers, barracks, and other structures

U.S.M.C. Air Stations

El Torro and Tustin, California

DOL File No.: CA1-83-194

By letter dated March 16, 1988, the Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, submitted to us the above-referenced case involving violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982), by James Parker d/b/a Parker Painting, with respect to the above contract. The letter indicated that funds in the amount of \$24,523.91 withheld by the Department of the Navy under the contract are to be disbursed to the underpaid employees. We were advised further that an Administrative Law Judge had recommended against debarment of the firm and on appeal ordered the back wage payments by affirming an agreement between the contractor and the Department of Labor.

We have reviewed the matter, including the statements in the Administrative Law Judge's Decision and Order on Remand recommending against debarment, and agree that James Parker d/b/a Parker Painting should not be debarred.

At the present time, there are no funds on deposit with our Claims Group. When our Claims Group obtains the funds in the revised amount of \$24,523.91, they will be disbursed in accordance with established procedures.

Sincerely yours,

Henry R. Wray

Associate General Counsel

cc: Mr. James Parker

Parker Painting

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Associate Director, GGD - Claims Group with Labor Department enclosures