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Mr. Nick Psaltas
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Dear Mr. Psaltas:

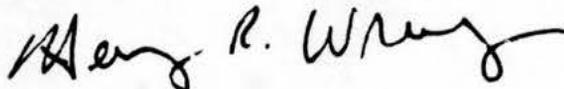
Subject: DACA51-83-C-0082
Interior Painting of
40 Buildings
Stewart Army Subpost
New Windsor, New York
DOL File No. NY 86-79

The Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated February 8, 1988, recommended to our Office that the names NRNT General Contracting, Nick Psaltas, individually and as its 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 the above-referred contract.

We concur with the Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to debar persons and firms whom he finds have disregarded their obligations to their employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record in this case confirms that there were substantial violations which constitute a disregard of obligations to your employees with respect to minimum wage provisions of the Act. Accordingly, your name individually and as President, and that of NRNT General Contracting, will be included on a list of ineligible bidders 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 NRNT General Contracting or to you, or to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which you have an interest until 3 years have elapsed from the date of publication of that list.

The funds on deposit with our Claims Group which were withheld for the violations are being distributed to the wage claimants in accordance with established procedures.

Sincerely yours,



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