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February 26, 1988

Mr. Charles Adkins  
President  
Mr. Ed Sparks  
Vice President  
Mid American Erecting Corporation  
20500 West 47th Street  
Shawnee, Kansas 66218

Dear Mr. Adkins and Mr. Sparks:

Subject: Charles Adkins, President  
Ed Sparks, Vice President  
Mid American Erecting Corporation  
Shawnee, Kansas

Project No.: J132C0282  
"B" Cell House  
U.S. Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas  
DCL File No.: TEX-85-32

The Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated February 11, 1988, requested that the names of Mid American Erecting Corporation; Charles Adkins, individually and as its president; and Ed Sparks, individually and as its vice president, be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the "Anti-Kickback" Act, 40 U.S.C. § 276c, and recommended to our Office that these same names be placed on the ineligible bidders list for having committed violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982), with respect to the above contracts.

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 obligation to employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record confirms that there were substantial violations on this case which constitute a disregard of the obligation to employees with respect to the minimum wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Accordingly, Mid American Erecting Corporation; Charles Adkins, individually and as its president; and Ed Sparks, individually and as its vice-president, 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 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. Pursuant to applicable regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 5.12, these same names will be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the "Anti-Kickback" Act.

The unpaid wages for violations in the amount of \$31,518.70 withheld by the Bureau of Prisons will be disbursed in accordance with established procedures when received by our Claims Group.

Sincerely yours,



Henry R. Wray  
Associate General Counsel

cc: Sylvester L. Green, Director  
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