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Mr. William Lakota  
President and Owner  
Mr. Ronald Lakota  
Treasurer and Owner  
Hampshire Steel Erectors, Inc.  
36 Summit Street  
Belchertown, Massachusetts 01002

Dear Messrs. Lakota:

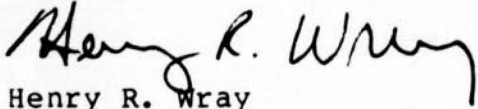
Subject: The Kenalty Corporation - Prime Contractor  
Renaissance III Corporation - Subcontractor  
Hampshire Steel Erectors, Inc. - Lower-tier  
Subcontractor  
Belchertown, Massachusetts  
Project No: DANA-84-C-0009  
Enlisted Mens Club  
Fort Devens, Massachusetts  
DOL File No.: 85-106-01861

The administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, by letter dated November 10, 1987, recommended to our Office that the names Hampshire Steel Erectors, Inc., William Lakota, individually and as its President and owner, and Ronald Lakota, individually and as its Treasurer, 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-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 names individually and as President and owner, and as Treasurer and that of Hampshire Steel Erectors, Inc., 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 Hampshire Steel Erectors, Inc., 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.

Sincerely yours,



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