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Mr. Doug Morgan, President
Mr. Bruce Reyngoudt, Vice President
Gulf Western Diving and Salvage
321 Whitney Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Dear Messrs. Morgan and Reyngoudt:

Subject: Ogletree and Gunn, Inc. - Prime Contractor
Gulf Western Diving and Salvage - Subcontractor
Contract No. DACA63-81-C-0184
DOL File No. VI-LA-83-3

By a letter dated February 4, 1987, the Assistant Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor, recommended to our Office that Gulf Western Diving and Salvage and Doug Morgan and Bruce Reyngoudt, individually and as the President and Vice President of Gulf Western Diving and Salvage, 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.

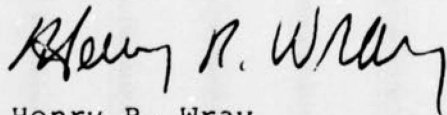
We concur with the Assistant Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to debar persons or firms whom he finds to have disregarded their obligations to employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record confirms that there were substantial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

Accordingly, Gulf Western Diving and Salvage and Doug Morgan, individually and as President; and Bruce Reyngoudt, individually and as Vice 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.

In addition, Gulf Western Diving and Salvage, Doug Morgan and Bruce Reyngoudt, individually and as officers of Gulf Western, will be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as determined by the Department of Labor.

Sincerely yours,



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