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Sylvester L. Green, Director
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U.S. Department of Labor
Room S3518
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Green:

Subject: Han Tung Liu, President
H.T. Engineers and Contractors, Inc.
San Francisco, California
Contract No.: 50-5721-3-21
Your File No.: CA-85-426

We received a letter dated March 28, 1986, from the Assistant Administrator, Employment Standards Administration, United States Department of Labor (DOL). In that letter, we were requested to disburse to the wage claimants involved in the above-referenced matter the funds withheld under the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982). We were also informed that the contractor involved had been offered an opportunity for a hearing on this matter, but that no hearing had been requested.

Then, we received a letter from you dated May 30, 1986, which transmitted to us a letter dated April 23, 1986, from the law offices of Knecht, Haley, Lawrence & Smith. This law firm represents the Reliance Insurance Company (Reliance). Reliance is the surety for H.T. Engineers and Contractors, Inc. (H.T. Engineers), in this matter. This letter from Knecht Haley stated that the contractor had been liquidated, and its president had "departed for a new life in Las Vegas, Nevada". It also requested a hearing to contest the alleged violations of the Davis-Bacon Act by H.T. Engineers. In your letter, you informed us that you were forwarding the Knecht Haley letter to us "for appropriate action".