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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

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Attention: Mr. Kenneth Roebbelen
President, General Division

Gentlemen:

This responds to your letter of January 6, 1986, in which you request clarification by our Office of the Department of the Navy's decision to reject any representational activities of Mr. George Gore of your firm because he was employed by the government within the last 2 years.

Since the question you present involves contract administration, it is not for consideration under our Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. part 21 (1985). Further, 18 U.S.C. § 207 (1982), which forbids a person from representing others before the government in connection with matters in which the individual participated as a government employee, is a criminal statute whose interpretation and enforcement are primarily matters for the Department of Justice, not this Office. Sterling Medical Associates, B-213650, Jan. 9, 1984, 84-1 C.P.D. ¶ 60.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Strong", written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Strong
Deputy Associate General Counsel