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Waiver of Paragraph 2 of the Ethics Pledge

I have determined that it is in the public interest to grant a limited waiver of paragraph 2 of the Ethics Pledge set forth in Executive Order 13490, "Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel" (January 21, 2009) to Charles Bolden as Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Mr. Bolden had previously served as a consultant to SAIC and on the board of directors of GenCorp. Absent a waiver, Mr. Bolden would be prohibited by paragraph 2 of the Ethics Pledge from participating in any particular matter involving specific parties in which either SAIC or GenCorp is or represents a party. Mr. Bolden's knowledge of and expertise in current NASA programs are essential to making informed and timely decision-making about the future of NASA and its programs. His ability to engage in such decision-making as the head of NASA is in the public interest and fundamental to NASA's ability to remain in the forefront of space exploration. This waiver is granted with the understanding that Mr. Bolden will comply with the limitations set forth below, the remaining provisions of the Executive Order and with all pre-existing government ethics rules.

I authorize Mr. Bolden to participate only at the policy or program level in particular matters involving SAIC and/or GenCorp. This waiver is deemed applicable only in those limited circumstances when such a policy or program matter involves SAIC and/or GenCorp as a party and rises to the level of Administrator review. The authorization does not remove the bar on engaging in one-on-one meetings or communications with either entity as set forth in Executive Order 13490. This waiver does not authorize Mr. Bolden to participate in contracting matters, including contract determinations, involving SAIC or GenCorp as a party or to participate in those particular matters involving specific parties in which he participated as a consultant for SAIC or as a director for GenCorp.

Dated: July 23 2009

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Designated Agency Ethics Official