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MEMORANDUM

From: Staff Judge Advocate, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division

Subj: CONTRACTOR TRAVEL IN GOVERNMENT RENTAL CARS OR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL VEHICLES

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to amplify the guidance promulgated in Staff Judge Advocate memorandum 5370 Ser 08F000D/111 of 12 August 1996. In that document, the following general rule was established: "Government employees will not provide transportation to employees of government contractors in government rental cars or personal vehicles while on official travel."

2. The liability concerns expressed in paragraph three of the original policy remain a significant concern. However, the policy expressed as a "general rule" is just that. It is not an absolute prohibition.

3. This clarification of the policy is intended to recognize that in some unique circumstance the logistical benefits of providing transportation to employees of government contractors will outweigh the liability concerns. This determination will rest with the individual government traveler. Prior to making this decision, the government traveler should familiarize himself/herself with the discussion of liability contained in the 12 August memorandum.

4. Questions may be directed to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at DSN 437-2531 or commercial (619) 939-2531 or to the Office of General Counsel at DSN 437-3481 or commercial (619) 939-3481. *805-989-7122*

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