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Request of Waiver of Statutory Prohibition under 18 USC 208

In my current position as a member of the Astronaut Office, I am involved in operational investigation of adaptation of the neurological system to weightlessness and readaptation to 1g. These investigations will be conducted on STS flights. Such investigation requires portable miniature recorders and associated equipment for ascent and entry monitoring of head and eye motion of selected crewmen. I have made every attempt to find equipment which meets our requirements. A summary of those requirements, my survey of the market, and conclusions are contained in the enclosed ~~memo~~ *memorandum* dated January 5, 1983.

Because I have NASA permission to perform consulting work for DelMar Avionics of Irvine, California, and because a recorder manufactured by DelMar is the only one I can find which meets NASA's requirements for these medical experiments, I feel it appropriate to request a waiver of my financial interest in DelMar Avionics so that I may continue my assignments in this line of work.

I have coordinated this matter with Hank Flagg, the Chief Counsel, and he concurs, as indicated below. Additionally, he discussed the matter with Neil Hosenball, the General Counsel, who recommended that my request be handled at the Center with you as the deciding official.

Thus, I hereby request that by your signing the approval block of this request, you signify that you waive the statutory prohibition of 18 USC 208 and determine that my financial interests in DelMar Avionics is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of my services to the United States Government.

APPROVAL: CONCUR:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
GERALD D. GRIFFIN   **Original Signed By:**
                                            HENRY W. FLAGG, JR.

Gerald D. Griffin   JAN 31 1983   Henry W. Flagg, Jr.
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