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September 10, 1984

Mr. Henry W. Flagg, Jr.  
Chief Counsel  
NASA Johnson Space Center  
Houston, Texas

Dear Hank:

Some statements you made the other day have been on my mind and were quite disturbing. When I asked for your advice concerning some travel regulations, you warned against possible violations of regulations. This seemed strange to me because I have been relying on your counselling in that regard.

I have repeatedly told you that I have never wanted even a suggestion of impropriety, to the extent of giving up any or all activities that would even suggest such. My only outside activity is the NASA approved consulting arrangement and as repeatedly stated, I will terminate this if it raises any questions.

My dilemma comes about because I do not know what you were referring to and whether you question any activity of mine. It has been and remains my firm desire not only to avoid any conflict but to stay away from any hint of it. I stand ready, as always, to comply with any and all regulations and I intend to follow your advice on such matters.

I would appreciate the opportunity of discussing this further.

Sincerely,

William F. Thornton  
NASA Astronaut

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PROPOSED LETTER

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I have repeatedly told you that I have never wanted even a suggestion of impropriety. Having a written approval by NASA to act as a consultant to AVIONICS. I naturally assume that is no problem. Likewise, with a waiver and positive determination as to 18USC208, there should be no problem there.

My dilemma comes about because I do not know what you were referring to and whether you question any activity of mine. It has been and remains my firm desire not only to avoid any conflict but to stay away from any hint of it. I stand ready, as always, to comply with any and all regulations and I intend to follow your advice on such matters, as Chief Counsel to NASA.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. THORNTON

NASA Astronaut

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~~I have not the time~~  
I would appreciate the opportunity of  
discussing this further.

Mr. Henry W. Fisher, Jr.  
Chief Counsel

U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Some statements you made the other day have been in my mind and are quite disturbing. When I asked for your opinion regarding the travel regulations, you warned against possible violations of regulations. This seemed strange to me because I have been relying on your counsel in that regard.

I have repeatedly told you that I have never heard of a suggestion of immigration. Having a written report to me to that effect, I naturally believe that it is correct. I believe, with a written report, that the regulations as to immigration, there should be no doubt.

I have been told that you do not want to be involved in this matter and that you are not going to be involved in this matter. I believe that is correct and that you are not going to be involved in this matter. I believe that is correct and that you are not going to be involved in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. THORNTON  
Chief Counsel