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April 7, 1986

Sylvester L. Green, Director Contracts Standards Operations U.S. Department of Labor Room S 3518 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210

Subject: Dodds-Howard - Joint Venture - Prime Contractor

Denver, Colorado

Roberts Interiors - Subcontractor

Denver, Colorado

Green Acres Turf Farm - Subcontractor

Henderson, Colorado Contract No. GS-08B-07999 Your File No. COL-77-693

Dear Mr. Green:

By letter dated April 5, 1982, you requested that we distribute funds to wage claimants, that were withheld from monies due these firms from contract payments for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982). On the issue of possible debarment you concluded that the Department of Labor (DOL), does not consider further administrative action necessary.

Briefly, the facts are that the above-listed employers failed to pay the applicable prevailing wage rate. When advised of the violations, none of the firms agreed to pay back wages, thus, precipitating the withholding of wages from contract money due.

Debarment is not recommended by the contracting agency or DOL. The reason indicated was the fact that the violations occurred more than 5 years prior to completion of the investigation and transfer of wage payments here. We concur with your recommendation that further administrative action not be pursued.

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With regard to payments to the wage claimants involved, we have ordered the funds on deposit in our Office (\$7,862.22) be disbursed in accordance with established procedures.

Sincerely yours,

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