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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 11:48 AM
To: Maes, James (Seaport)
Subject: RE: Ethics Determination for CG Foundation

Mr. Maes,

Based on the facts you have provided, the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance would permit you to attend the dinner. It appears from your e-mail that each ticket is valued at \$500 (tables of ten go for \$5,000), which means this gift must be reported by you by the end of the next quarter. For your information, any gift received by a County employee in excess of \$100 must be reported to the Clerk of Board. The gift disclosure form can be obtained by accessing our website at www.miamidade.gov.ethics.

Regarding the gift to Ms. Minakowski, the same rules apply. She can attend the dinner as well and would be required to report the gift pursuant to the above procedures.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Maes, James (Seaport)
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 12:28 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Subject: Ethics Determination for CG Foundation

Mr. Meyers, good morning. I'm the new Assistant Director for Safety and Security at the Port of Miami. I was hoping you could help me with an ethics determination for an event scheduled for Thursday evening that benefits the United States Coast Guard....an organization from which I recently retired.

I have been invited by Mr. Ken Gray of Coastal Tug and Barge to attend the Coast Guard Foundation dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel on Thursday, November 16th. Although he is a tenant on the Port, Ken is also a retired Coast Guard officer and has been a friend for several years. The CG Foundation dinner is a fund raiser for the Coast Guard and corporate tables (seating for 10) go for about \$5,000. May I attend?

Second, I just received a phone call from the Biscayne Pilots inviting me or my new chief (Denise Minakowski) to attend the CG Foundation Dinner. Denise is a former CG officer who maintains ties with her former shipmates. Is it OK to pass the invitation from the Pilots to Denise and for her to attend as well? Regards,

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