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Phone: Date: 3/31/00

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Robert Meyers

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March 31, 2000

Alan J. Fish
Associate Vice President
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1507 Levante Avenue
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Dear Mr. Fish:

This to confirm a fax I received in my office on Monday, March 27, 2000 and a subsequent conversation we had the same day concerning a possible conflict interest on your part. As we discussed, I saw nothing wrong with you being a member of the Respect of Florida/Goodwill negotiating team and at the same time negotiating with the Transit Authority of Miami-Dade County in your official position with the University of Miami. You advised me that these negotiations are completely unrelated. Under these circumstances, I see no conflict that would have prohibited you from serving on the Goodwill negotiating team.

Please understand that I do not have the authority to render a legally binding opinion – only the Commission on Ethics has such authority. However, based upon the fact the negotiating team will have concluded its negotiations before the Ethics Commission meets again, the matter would be moot by the time the Ethics Commission would be impaneled to hear this item.

If you have any questions concerning the above, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers
Executive Director



VIA FAX

March 27, 2000

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RE: Conflict of Interest

Dear Mr. Meyers:

Miami-Dade County has recently reconvened the County Respect of Florida/Goodwill negotiating team, for which I have been selected as a member. The meetings will be held from Monday, March 27th through Friday, March 31st per the County Commission's directive to negotiate with Respect of Florida for the best contract terms and pricing. Dickie K. Davis, Manager of Terminal Operations, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, is the Chair of the committee.

The conflict of interest I wish to disclose is that I am currently negotiating with the Miami-Dade Transit Authority for leased space under the Metrorail guideway, on behalf of the University of Miami. The item was pulled off the County Commission agenda due to conflicts between the University of Miami and Miami-Dade County regarding a variety of environmental issues at our South Campus. Currently I am meeting with Steve Spratt, Assistant to the County Manager, and various members of DERM, to include Jean Evoy, regarding our South Campus/University of Miami environmental issues. Since this could be construed as a conflict of interest, I seek your written opinion before I proceed serving as a member of this negotiating team. I have a meeting scheduled for this afternoon, March 27th beginning at 1:30, and numerous meetings all through this week, so I need something in writing immediately. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan J. Fish".

Alan J. Fish
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