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Subject: INQ - Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney (Cone of Silence)

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez inquire as to how the restrictions of the Cone of Silence would apply to communications between the Mayor and the county staff during a contract evaluation process at MIA while the Cone is in effect. The Cone provisions separate the Mayor's staff from the county's professional staff in that they appear to place the Mayor, County Commissioners and their "respective staffs" together in one category, all of whom are prohibited from contact with the county's professional staff. We agreed on an interpretation whereby it would be permissible for the Mayor to communicate with his own staff, i.e., his staff on the 29th floor, consisting of Deputy Mayors and other assistants within the Mayor's office as well as support staff located there. Under the Cone, none of the latter staff, as well as the Mayor, could communicate with the county professional staff about the project, which would include all staff at MIA.

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