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Dated: December 19, 1997.

B.J. Griffin (Ms.),

*General Manager, Presidio of San Francisco,
Golden Gate National Recreation Area.*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Methamphetamine Interagency Task Force

AGENCY: Justice.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the Methamphetamine Interagency Task Force.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and section 501 of the Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996, the Attorney General is establishing the Methamphetamine Interagency Task Force ("Task Force").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cherise Fanno, National Institute of Justice, 810 7th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Telephone (202) 616-9021. Facsimile: (202) 307-6394. E-mail: fanno@ojp.usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Methamphetamine Interagency Task Force is responsible for "designing, implementing, and evaluating the education, prevention, and treatment practices and strategies of the Federal government with respect to methamphetamine and other synthetic stimulants."

The Task Force will have fourteen members. The Attorney General and the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy will serve as honorary co-chairpersons. In her absence, the Attorney General will designate a chairperson of the Task Force. Other members include the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) (or a designee); the Secretary of Education (or a designee); two members selected by the Secretary of HHS; two members from state and local enforcement agencies; two members from the Department of Justice; and five nongovernmental experts, all selected by the Attorney General.

The following charter has been approved by the Attorney General:

Chapter for the Methamphetamine Interagency Task Force

A. Official Designation

The comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996 ("the Act") requires the Attorney General or her designee to chair a Methamphetamine Interagency Task Force ("the Task Force").

B. Objectives and Scope of Activity

The Task Force is responsible for designing, implementing and evaluating the education, prevention and treatment practices and strategies of the Federal Government with respect to methamphetamine and other synthetic stimulants. More specifically, the Task Force shall have the following general duties:

1. Evaluate current practices and strategies of the Federal Government in education, prevention and treatment for methamphetamine and other synthetic stimulants.

2. If it is deemed appropriate and beneficial to modify current methods, recommend improved models for education, prevention and treatment.

3. Identify appropriate government components and resources to implement Task Force recommendations.

The Task Force shall consider, where appropriate, strategies and practices of state and local governments and non-governmental entities as well as of the Federal Government.

C. Reporting

The Task Force shall report to the Attorney General of the United States or the Attorney General's designee. Copies of such reports shall be supplied to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Secretary's designee, and to the Secretary of Education, or the Secretary's designees.

D. Support Services

The National Institute of Justice of the Office of Justice Programs in the Department of Justice will provide all necessary support services for the Task Force.

E. Duties

The Task Force, as appointed by the Attorney General, the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall have duties that are advisory only.

The Task Force will carry out the objectives listed in Item B, and report in the manner set forth in Item D, the results of all deliberations and recommendations.

F. Annual Operating Costs

The annual operating cost for the Task Force shall be paid out of existing Department of Justice funds. The expenses shall include airfare, lodging, meals, space and equipment rental, printing, mailing, transcription services, and other miscellaneous and incidental expenses. The estimated work years is two FTE at an annual cost of \$100,000.

G. Meetings

The Task Force shall meet at least twice a year. Meetings and other procedures shall be subject to applicable provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, including section 10 of 5 U.S.C. App. § 2.

H. Termination Date

The Task Force and Charter will expire in four years from the date of enactment of the Act.

I. Date of Charter

The date of this Charter is October 8, 1997.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Robert A. Pfluger, D.D.S.; Revocation of Registration

On October 23, 1997, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Robert A. Pfluger, D.D.S., of Rockford, Illinois, notifying him of an opportunity to show cause as to why DEA should not revoke his DEA Certificate of Registration BP4333477, under 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3), and deny any pending applications for renewal of such registration as a practitioner pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823(f), for reason that he is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in the State of Illinois. The order also notified Dr. Pfluger that should no request for a hearing be filed within 30 days, his hearing right would be deemed waived.

The DEA received a signed receipt indicating that the order was received on November 4, 1997. No request for a hearing or any other reply was received by the DEA from Dr. Pfluger or anyone purporting to represent him in this matter. Therefore, the Acting Deputy Administrator, finding that (1) 30 days have passed since the receipt of the Order to Show Cause, and (2) no request

for a hearing having been received, concludes that Dr. Pfluger is deemed to have waived his hearing right. After considering relevant material from the investigative file in this matter, the Acting Deputy Administrator now enters his final order without a hearing pursuant to 21 CFR 1301.43(d) and (e) and 1301.46.

The Acting Deputy Administrator finds that on March 20, 1996, the State of Illinois, Department of Professional Regulation issued an Order indefinitely suspending Dr. Pfluger's license to practice dentistry, based upon his outstanding individual state income tax liability of over \$26,000.00 and his failure to file state individual income tax returns for the years 1989 through 1993. The Acting Deputy Administrator finds that in light of the fact that Dr. Pfluger is not currently licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Illinois, it is reasonable to infer that he is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in that state.

The DEA does not have the statutory authority under the Controlled Substances Act to issue or maintain a registration if the applicant or registrant is without state authority to handle controlled substances in the state in which he conducts his business. 21 U.S.C. 802(21), 823(f) and 824(a)(3). This prerequisite has been consistently upheld. See *Romeo J. Perez, M.D.*, 62 FR 16,193 (1997); *Demetris A. Green, M.D.*, 61 FR 60,728 (1996); *Dominick A. Ricci, M.D.*, 58 FR 51,104 (1993).

Here it is clear that Dr. Pfluger is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in the State of Illinois. Therefore, Dr. Pfluger is not entitled to a DEA registration in that state.

Accordingly, the Acting Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in him by 21 U.S.C. 823 and 824 and 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, hereby orders that DEA Certificate of Registration BP4333477, previously issued to Robert A. Pfluger, D.D.S., be, and it hereby is, revoked. The Acting Deputy Administrator further orders that any pending applications for the renewal of such registration, be, and they hereby are, denied. This order is effective February 12, 1998.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

Peter F. Gruden,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Sunshine Act Meeting; Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

Date, time and place: January 21, 1998, 10:00 am, U.S. Department of Labor, C-5310, Seminar Rm. 1-B, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

For further information, contact: Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs. Phone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 7th day of January 1998.

Andrew J. Samet,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 98-01; Exemption Application No. D-10452, et al.]

Grant of Individual Exemptions; The Sperry Rail, Inc.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the

Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type proposed to the Secretary of Labor.

Statutory Findings

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

(a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;

(b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and

(c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

The Sperry Rail, Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan) Located in Danbury, Connecticut

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 98-01; Exemption Application No. D-10452]

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to the loan (the Loan) by the Plan of \$965,000 to Sperry Rail, Inc., the Plan sponsor and a party in interest with respect to the Plan, provided the following conditions are satisfied: (a) The Loan does not