



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Office of the Director

Washington, D.C. 20535

March 29, 1995

Mr. Joseph R. Gutheinz
Special Agent
NASA-OIG, Code W-JS
Johnson Space Center
Houston, Texas 77058

Dear Mr. Gutheinz:

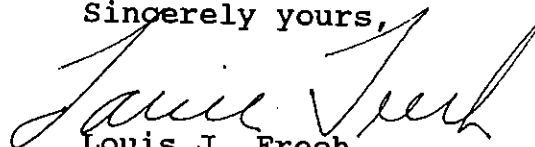
It gives me great pleasure to join my colleagues in Houston in thanking you for your outstanding assistance in connection with a highly successful joint governmental fraud/money laundering investigation.

I understand that you were the case agent assigned to lead and coordinate the cooperative investigative efforts of a task force looking into the alleged fraud against NASA by a number of individuals doing business as the Omniplan Corporation in Texas and California. I know that this was the largest scheme to defraud ever committed against NASA, and I commend you for your excellent leadership skills which resulted in a very complete and thorough investigation. Your vital participation was largely responsible for the overwhelming amount of evidence which was gathered through the use of cooperating witnesses and search warrants.

You deserve special recognition for successfully leading and coordinating the efforts of this task force and for your relentless pursuit of the subjects involved in this investigation. You played a key role in securing the largest indictment ever returned in a NASA-OIG case, ultimately leading to guilty pleas by all the primary subjects.

We thank and congratulate you on a job well done.

Sincerely yours,


Louis J. Freeh
Director

1 - Mr. William Hager