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RETURN TO A. J. STEVENS

## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Samuel D. Chilcote, Jr. *Sam*

RE: GSA Regulations

A copy of the GSA regulations on federal building smoking is enclosed. These regulations are scheduled to be announced tomorrow by GSA at a 10:30 news conference. You will recall that our strenuous intervention in this matter resulted in substantial disagreement within the government, an active role by the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) and delay in the decision.

The regulations embrace the recommendations we put forth in our comments to GSA for appropriate union consultation. On the other hand, GSA's ETS health findings are distressing; its requirement for "absolute minimum" exposure to ETS appears to be ambiguous; its pressing of a no-smoking norm in federal buildings is discouraging; the degree of discretion allowed to individual agency heads seems to leave room for substantial variations in application among the agencies.

Overall we believe the regulations present a lesser burden from our standpoint than the proposed regulations did.

We will begin immediately to plan actions directed toward agency practices as fair as possible under the circumstances.

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Enclosure

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