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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
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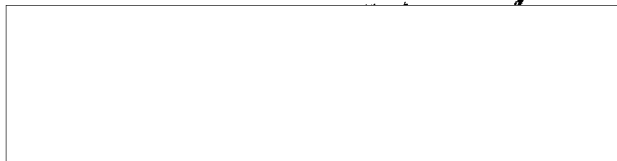
SUBJECT: Approval to Hire Handyman as an
Independent Contractor

REFERENCE: Memo to D/OP from D/OTS, dtd 22 Apr 82,
same Subject

1. While I appreciate the frustrations of the Office of Technical Service (OTS) regarding GSA maintenance, I strongly urge that the request to hire a handyman as an independent contractor be disapproved.

2. As you are aware, we will be taking over responsibility for the operation and maintenance in the future and we would appreciate the opportunity to see how that experiment is conducted before we launch off in similar directions elsewhere. We have realized some slight progress in GSA's responsiveness in recent months, and we continue to negotiate with them on a series of topics (including the takeover of the maintenance of the OTS facility). These negotiations will culminate in my meeting with the head of GSA in the near future. If we were to proceed with the hiring of a handyman, I believe that this would un hinge all the progress that we have made to date and exacerbate the tension between GSA and the Agency. Finally, our budgeted funds in SLUC are supposed to take care of these types of problems; we should continue to hold GSA's foot to the fire in demanding the services which represent our SLUC contribution.

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