

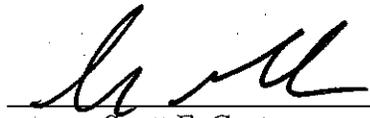
Office of White House Counsel Waiver Certification

Pursuant to Executive Order 13770, Section 3, and as the President's designee authorized to grant such a waiver, it is in the public interest to grant a limited waiver of Section 1, paragraph 6 of the Executive Order to James Faist, United States Department of Defense ("DoD"), to allow him to participate in the pathfinder effort for a highly classified program involving proprietary information constructs, a particular matter involving specific parties in which his former employer Northrop Grumman is a party.

I have determined that this waiver is required for Mr. Faist to carry out his duties as Director of Research and Engineering for Advanced Capabilities effectively. Mr. Faist is currently restricted until August 13, 2020 from participating in any particular matter involving specific parties in which his former employer, Northrop Grumman, is a party. He worked for that company for only one year before accepting an invitation to serve in the Federal Government. The Director of Research and Engineering for Advanced Capabilities plays a vital role in ensuring the development and integration of new technologies within the DoD. The successful accomplishment of DoD's mission in exploring and developing new technology relies on extensive and collaborative communications within the DoD and between Mr. Faist, other members of his team, the defense industry, and other researchers who specialize in these areas. Mr. Faist has almost 40 years of experience in the military and industry designing, building, fielding and installing radars at all classification levels for commercial and military use. This unique expertise would be of significant benefit to national security as DoD accelerates technology development in implementing the National Defense Strategy.

In authorizing this waiver, I have considered the nature and length of Mr. Faist's previous employment with Northrop Grumman and the critical national interest served by authorizing him to participate in this particular matter directly and substantially related to his former employer. This waiver will significantly promote and protect the public interest by enabling DoD's capacity to implement national security objectives. This waiver does not otherwise affect Mr. Faist's obligation to comply with all other pre-existing government ethics rules, other provisions of the Executive Order, other particular matters in which Northrop Grumman is a specific party, or the other commitments he made in his Ethics Agreement.

12/20/19
Date



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