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Commission Secretary Federal Elections Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: Proposed Advisory Opinion 1997-25

Dear Madam Secretary:

On page 3, lines 8 to 10 of Proposed Advisory Opinion 1997-25 it is stated that 12 directors of Raytheon served as directors of Raytheon prior to the merger and were elected at the last annual meeting of Raytheon stockholders. I am advised by Raytheon that it has had and continues to have a staggered board with directors serving three year terms. Accordingly, some of the twelve directors would have been elected at stockholders meetings prior to the last annual meeting.

I would also like to thank the Commission for the very professional manner in which the Commission Staff has dealt with our Request for this Advisory Opinion.

Very truly yours,

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