## **MEMORANDUM**

January 29, 1997

To: Tracy Shycoff cc: T. Jeremy Gunn

From: Ronald G. Haron

Subject: Ragano Deposition -- Expenses

This memorandum will serve to memorialize the basis for the Review Board's paying the travel expenses of Mrs. Ragano to accompany her husband, Mr. Frank Ragano, from Tampa, Florida to Washington, D.C. for his deposition by the Review Board.

Based on our discussions with Mr. Ragano, we have determined that Mrs. Ragano should accompany Mr. Ragano for medical reasons. Mr. Ragano has had an angina heart condition since approximately 1984. Mr. Ragano has also had an irregular heart beat due to a stroke he suffered about eight years ago. Mr. Ragano has been hospitalized five or six times over the past two to three years because of these conditions, including for severe chest pains. In the event of such an emergency, Mrs. Ragano is knowledgeable about her husband's condition, she knows what would need to be done, and she can advise doctors about her husband's condition. For these reasons, Mr. Ragano will not travel without his wife.

Therefore, we have agreed to pay for Mrs. Ragano's travel expenses.