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27 Apr 18

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr. USMC (Ret.)

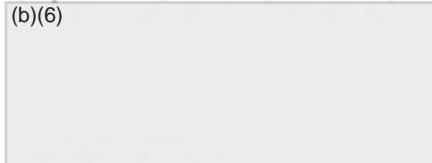
Subj: FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Ref: (a) Your request of 10 Oct 17

Encl: (1) Copy of Dept. of State letter of 26 Apr 18

1. This is in response to the reference in which you requested approval of your foreign employment.
2. As indicated by the enclosure, the request contained in the reference has been approved by the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of State.

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By direction

## Foreign Government Employment Questionnaire

Name: Bolden, Charles F Jr.

Physical address: (b)(6)

Phone: (b)(6)

Email: (b)(6)

Military Retirement Date (if applicable): 01/03/2003

Rank/Rate (at retirement): Major General

SSN (last four digits): (b)(6)

Location of proposed employment: United Arab Emirates

**1. Who is your proposed employer and how are they connected to a foreign government?**

**UAE Space Agency. This is the civil space agency for the government of the UAE – essentially the UAE equivalent of NASA.**

**2. What is your proposed job title?**

**Member, Space Advisory Committee.**

**3. What will your job duties involve? If a job description is available, please attach.**

The primary duties of members of the Advisory Board will be to advise the Director of the UAE Space Agency on strategy formulation for the Agency to become an effective and respected member of the family of major space agencies of the world. Advisories on emerging trends in science, space exploration and astronautics will be a primary product expected of me as a member of the Advisory Board.

**4. Will you be paid for duties performed? If yes, please provide an explanation of wages (to include amount of pay) and how your level of pay will be affected by the foreign government with which you are working.**

**Advisory Board members are paid (b)(6) USD per board meeting. The Board is expected to meet formally twice per year.**

**5. Are you a U.S. citizen?**

Yes

**6. Will you be required or are you planning to execute an oath of allegiance to the foreign government with which you are working, alter your U.S. citizenship status, or obtain foreign citizenship?**

There will be no requirement, nor is there a desire, for me to seek UAE citizenship. I have no intention of seeking any citizenship other than my current US citizenship.

There is no requirement nor desire that any oath of allegiance to the UAE nor any other foreign government be taken.

**7. What is the highest U.S. security clearance that you have held?**

As an active duty Marine and the NASA Administrator, the highest security clearance that I held was a TS/SCI.

As a member of the Director's Advisory Committee for the DoE Lawrence Livermore Lab, I was granted a Q clearance. I have not requested extension nor renewal of this clearance in the past nine years.

**8. What is the highest level of classified material to which you have been granted access?**

As an active duty Marine and the NASA Administrator, the highest level of classified material to which I was granted access was TS/SCI.

As a member of the Director's Advisory Committee for the DoE Lawrence Livermore Lab, the highest level of classified material to which I was granted access was Q.

**9. Have you had access to Special Access Programs?**

Yes

**10. Will you be working with classified information as part of your foreign employment? If yes, please explain.**

**There will be no work or contact with classified information in my capacity as an Advisor to the Director General of the UAE Space Agency.**

**11. Have you ever worked on matters involving this foreign country as part of your uniformed service duties? If yes, please explain.**

**I never worked on matters involving the UAE while serving on Marine Corps active duty. As the NASA Administrator, the UAE Space Agency was a partner agency with which we worked and had several formal international agreements (treaties) for which I was the delegated signator. The Director General of the Agency was one of my counterparts in our Heads of Agency forums and is the originator of the invitation to become an Advisor for the Agency,**

**12. Have you held any positions in the uniformed service that are relevant to your employment with the foreign government? If yes, please explain.**

**My entire tenure as a member of the NASA Astronaut Corps was served as an active duty Marine detailed to the Space Agency. While I was retired when I became the NASA Administrator, much of my experience as an active NASA astronaut is relevant to the advisory duties expected of me from the UAE Space Agency and the Director General.**

**13. Have you had access to technical data (classified, unclassified, or software) related to the design, development, production, manufacture, etc. of defense articles? If yes, please describe ways in which such information may be of use in your potential job. If applicable, has your employer or have you applied for and received an export license for the defense services that you are offering?**

**I did have access to technical data of defense articles as a Marine Corps officer and a Naval test pilot, however, as a civil space agency, the UAE Space Agency does not produce or develop defense articles and I do not expect that any of my past work as a Naval test pilot will be relevant to any of my duties as an Advisor to the UAE Space Agency.**

**I hereby acknowledge that I am unaware of any reason why the above described foreign employment would be inadvisable or reflect unfavorably on the United States. I also acknowledge and understand that my retired or retainer pay may be withheld equal to the amount received from the foreign government if I accept employment before obtaining proper approval. I affirm that the above**

questions have been reviewed carefully and answered fully and correctly to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature

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Date



Washington, D.C. 20520

April 26, 2018

**Released in Part**

Mr. M. A. Brilakis  
Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs  
Headquarters United States Marine Corps  
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Deputy Commandant Brilakis:

The Department of State acknowledges receipt of your letter conveying the Secretary of the Navy's approval of a request from Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr. (U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, (b)(6)) to accept civil employment as a Member of the United Arab Emirates Space Advisory Committee.

The Secretary of State approves this request under the provision of Section 908, Title 37, United States Code, and pursuant to 22 C.F.R. § 3a5. Please inform the applicant of this determination.

My bureau's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) notes that some of MajGen Bolden's proposed activities (as described in the FGE package) may be considered defense services under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and may require prior authorization from DDTC. MajGen Bolden should carefully review ITAR section 120.9 to make this determination.

Following a review of ITAR section 120.9, MajGen Bolden may submit to DDTC a written request for an advisory opinion pursuant to ITAR Section 126.9 regarding whether these activities would constitute defense services under the ITAR and whether the related authorization requirements would apply. To enable DDTC to issue such an advisory opinion, the request should include significantly more detailed information about the scope and details of the proposed activities. More information, including the ITAR and the relevant mailing address, can be found on DDTC's website: [www.pmdtc.state.gov](http://www.pmdtc.state.gov).

Additionally, please inform the applicant that continuing approval under the Emoluments Clause is contingent on the applicant fulfilling his independent obligations relating to the use of classified materials.

Sincerely,

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary