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Just got off the phone with the attorney's and still no word from the Judge on the injunction. Will pass along information as it becomes available.

The Office of Government Ethics has determined that Flight Service Employees can be on leave and work for Lockheed Martin after October 4th in order to reach retirement. Did not get that from the Chief Counsel's office but from flyer#19.

A decision was made a couple of weeks ago to go forward with the October 4th transition date, supposedly that everything is in place and ready to go. Mind you that's not what I'm hearing, but I guess we'll see if the injunction doesn't stop it.

Be prepared to have your severance pay delayed or screwed up, there was a former member that left the agency and she's had problems getting hers straightened out. I can only imagine what will happen when you throw 1,000 people into the mix.

If the TTHUD Appropriations bill does not get to the floor or rolled up into an Omnibus bill and we go into a continuing resolution the FAA has a plan to continue with the transition on October 4th.

The FAA was supposed to meet with members of the Delaware River and Bay Authority (operates MIV airport), but the FAA cancelled this week. We still don't know if they are going to try and fix MIV or just shut it down. Let's hope with the agency abandoning the frequencies no one needs assistant and the weather stays good with no thunderstorms in the area. The agency is so afraid of spending some money, imagine how much they will spend on legal fees when a surviving family member sues them for not providing coverage. All this in the name of providing better more efficient, safer service to the pilots.

Do you all think that the MIV IF calls are being answered in 20 seconds? Sorry just couldn't resist!

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