U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of SAM V. GONZALES and DEPARTMENT OF THE JUSTICE, U.S. MARSHALLS SERVICE, San Antonio, TX

Docket No. 99-435; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 17, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has a compensable hearing loss causally related to factors of his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the October 19, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 19, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 17, 2000

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member