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FOR MESSRS KIEFER AND PARANGOSKY FROM [REDACTED]

PLEASE PASS TO [REDACTED]

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF OUR STATUS AT THIS TIME.

A. DOUGLAS HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REPLACE CERTAIN GUIDANCE COMPONENTS IN THE THOR BOOSTER FOR 1113. THIS MEANS THAT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE LAUNCH DATE FOR 1113, ASSUMING NO FURTHER DIFFICULTIES AND NO LAOR DAY WEEKEND WORK, IS 8 SEPT.

B. WORK SCHEDULE FOR 1114 IS ALSO AIMED AT AN 8 SEPT LAUNCH. THE DECISION RELATIVE TO THE LAUNCH OF 1113 VERSUS 1114 ON 8 SEPT WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL ADDITIONAL DATA ARE AVAILABLE.

C. VEHICLE 1112 IS IN A R-4 STATUS AS OF 24 AUGUST. THIS WILL PERMIT A 28 AUGUST LAUNCH ASSUMING NO FURTHER DIFFICULTIES.

D. VEHICLE 2120, SAMOS (SECRET), IS ALSO IN A R-4 POSITION AS OF 24 AUGUST.

E. THE FOLLOWING POLICY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY [REDACTED]

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE RECEIVED IN PREVIOUS SITUATIONS OF THIS KIND. BOTH VEHICLES, 1112 AND 2120, WILL CONTINUE THE COUNT. SHOULD BOTH VEHICLES PROCEED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY THROUGH R-3, DISCOVERER HAS PRECEDENCE FOR THE 28 AUGUST LAUNCH DATE. THE 2120 LAUNCH WILL THEN OCCUR FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE DISCOVERER 29 MISSION.

F. PER TELECON BETWEEN MURPHY, BUZARD, AND [REDACTED] THE PAYLOAD NOW ASSOCIATED WITH 1113 WILL REMAIN WITH 1113 AND THE PAYLOAD NOW ASSOCIATED WITH 1112 WILL BE MADE READY TO FLY WITH 1112. BOTH OF THESE PAYLOADS ARE C TRIPLE PRIMES.

2. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY MAJOR CHANGES WHICH MAY OCCUR IN THE ABOVE.

END OF MESSAGE

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