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HR57W CPO (CORONA)
FROM: [REDACTED]

1. THE AIR RECOVERY OF MISSION 1117-2 SRV HERALDS THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE PHOTO SATELLITE SYSTEM PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTRY'S HISTORY. WITH REGRET IN ITS PASSING AND PRIDE IN ITS ACHIEVEMENTS, I OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE VARIOUS PHASES OF THIS PROGRAM. I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE FROM A MESSAGE SENT BY DR. MCLUCAS: "AS THE PROGRAM APPROACHES ITS FINAL FLIGHT, RELIABILITY IS UNDENIABLY MORE DIFFICULT TO

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MAINTAIN, YET THE FLAWLESS PERFORMANCE OF THE 1115 SYSTEM IS INDICATIVE OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES AND HIGH MOTIVATION OF ALL INVOLVED. I THANK YOU ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE."

2. I CONSIDER THAT PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE, HIGH MOTIVATION AND DEDICATION HAVE BEEN THE HALLMARKS OF THE [REDACTED] PROGRAM FROM ITS INCEPTION. YOU ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL JUSTLY PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED DURING THE [REDACTED] DECADE AND FOR THE PARTS YOU INDIVIDUALLY PLAYED IN MAKING THE PROGRAM SO SUCCESSFUL. PLEASE AGAIN ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MY THANKS FOR YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT.

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