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### GAMBIT

This satellite is a low earth orbit, high resolution, film imaging system. The GAMBIT spacecraft is in the 10,000 pound class and is launched from Vandenberg AFB into a near polar orbit by a TITAN IIIB Expendable Launch Vehicle..

The FY 79 budget terminates regular flights of GAMBIT, adds a medium resolution broad area search capability, and assigns the system to a [redacted] and HEXAGON through 1985. There are five spacecraft already built or in production and the necessary launch vehicles have been purchased. Since the program is to end in 1985, no formal transition plan has been developed. If GAMBIT becomes the only user of the

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TITAN IIIB launch complex it would be prudent to consider transitioning for Shuttle launch, since the cost of the already purchased Expendable Launch Vehicles would be offset by the cost of maintaining the launch complex.

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It is recommended that no transition plan for GAMBIT to the Shuttle be developed at this time.

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