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(U) The design of the above patch provides an unclassified symbolic representation for the NROL-47 launch. VAFB stands for Vandenberg AFB where the mission will originate from, L-47 is the OSL mission number, and SLC-6 is the pad where the rocket will be launched.

(U) Although the time when dragons first appeared in myths isn't known for sure, they can be traced back as far as ~4000 B.C. Stories of dragons are present throughout history and in almost every culture. Many stories adopted the symbol of a patron saint or knight slaying a dragon. This same story is now retold as we depict the slaying of darkness, both evil and ignorance, by goodness, light, knowledge and truth.

(U) In Western myths, medieval dragons are generally portrayed as terrible, evil, and dangerously fierce carnivorous reptiles with wings and a spiked tail. According to ancient texts, dragons were true incarnations of evil and were said to be bringers of destruction. Narratives about dragons often involve them being killed by a hero. According to the mythology of dragon lore, knights of medieval times protected their kingdoms from fierce and menacing dragons by heroically slaying the beasts. The knight is generally a symbol of all that is good, the proverbial white knight, while the dragon is a symbol of evil and darkness. The true knight demonstrates unwavering loyalty, military prowess and social fellowship. These same valiant traits are what help tie the hardworking men and women of the NRO together and make a strong and successful team.

(U) "Mali Nunquam Praevalebunt," Latin for "Evil will never prevail," is the slogan for NROL-47, symbolizing the classic battle of good versus evil, darkness versus light, man versus beast with the end result being that evil will never win and good will always prevail.

