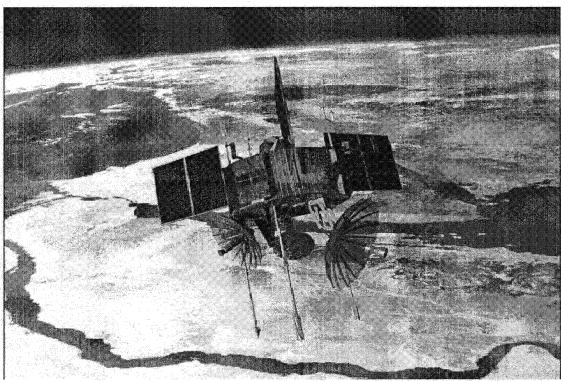


Program Update



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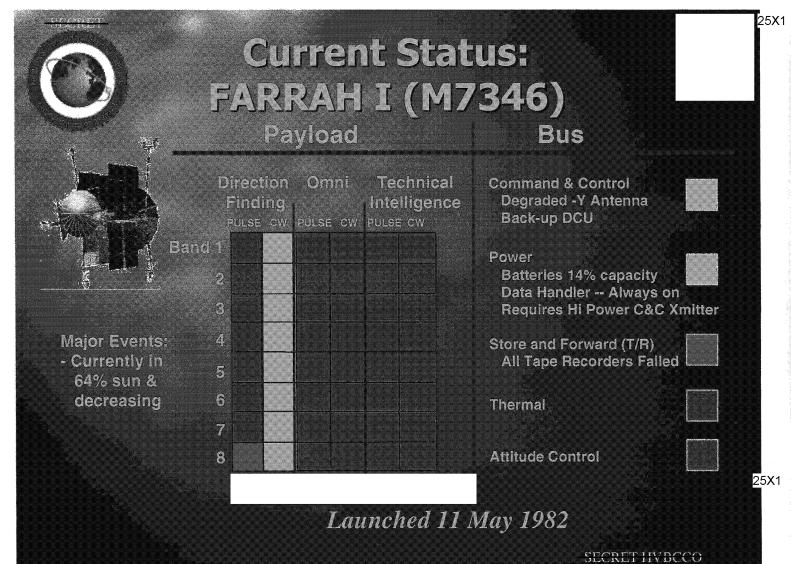
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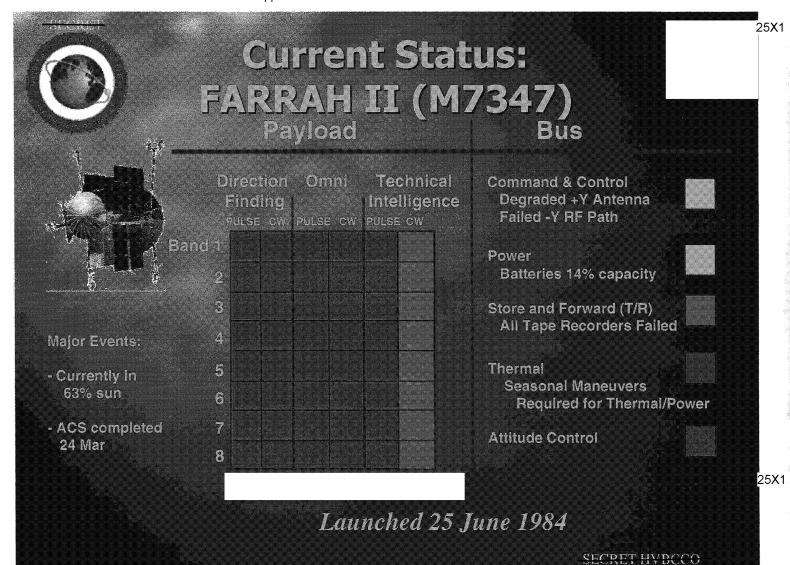


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- **Program Attributes**
- **Future Outlook**
- **Program Update Wrap-Up**
- Space Technology Experiment (STEX)

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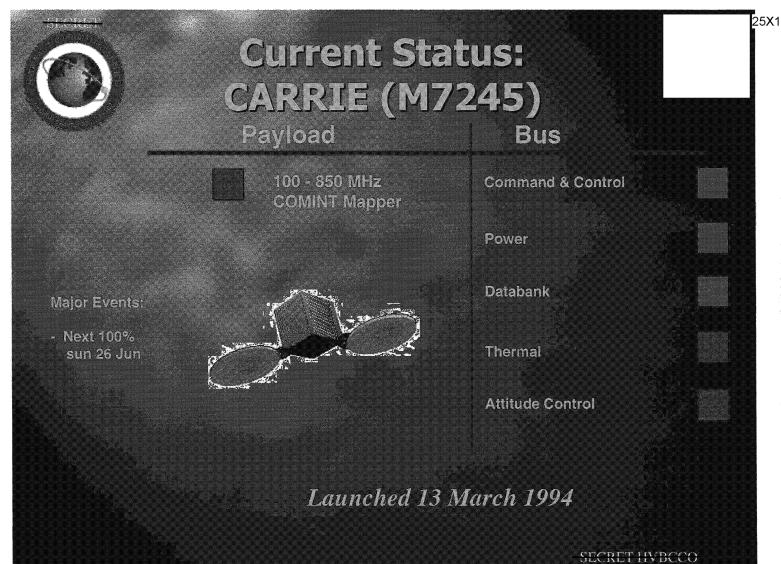


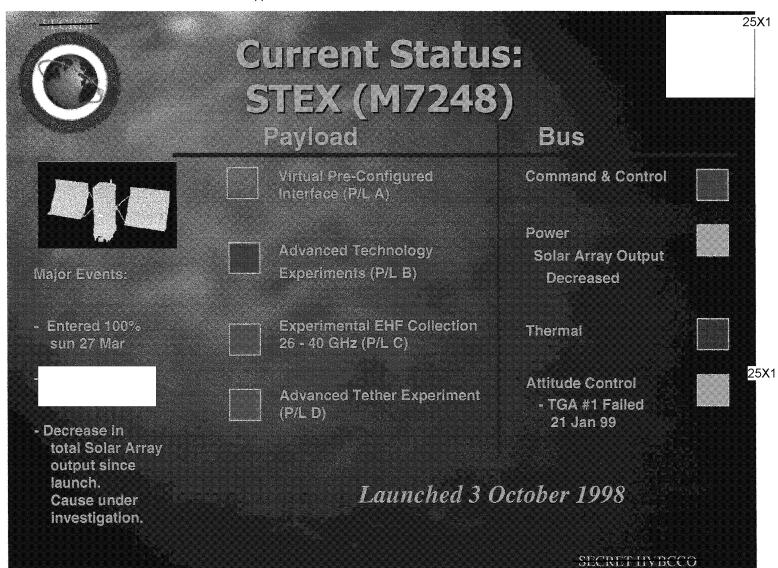
















F-I & F-II VALUE ADDED

- Increased Collection Coverage
- Decreased Max Gaps in Coverage
- **Improved Revisit Over Target Areas**
- Allows for Greater Flexibility in M7300 Spacecraft Receiver Configuration

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COLLECTION PERCENTAGES

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■ 234 Signals Collected Over That Were Shipped R203, From 20 Mar 99 to 7 Apr 99

- -43 (18.4%) collected by F-I
- 15 (6.4%) collected by F-II

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Current Status: M7300, 6 Apr 99



Vehicles ROL/AOL MCC 3/12





Outages/Comments: All Nominal

Last 24 Next 24 **Hours** Lost Delay **Hours**

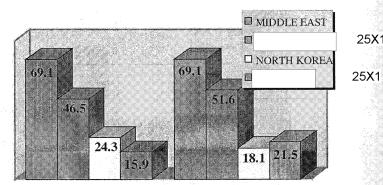
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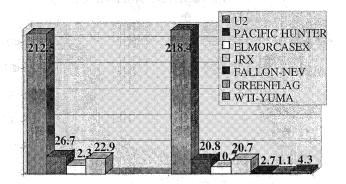
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Life Limiting Factors



- Non-Manageable Areas
 - Projected Life Post 2006
 - Solar Array Degradation
 - Thermal Surface Degradation
 - Parts Failure
 - Re-Entry Date (CARRIE)

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Life Limiting Factors

■ Manageable Areas

- Batteries
- Tape Recorders (FARRAH)
- Maintaining an Experienced/Dedicated
 Workforce

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Life Limiting Factors: Batteries

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Increased use has stabilized capacity at approximat	ely
14% of initial value	

	- Should support current mission levels through	gh 2006
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■ CARRIE

- Approximately 70% and 40% of initial values
- Should support 1998 mission levels through 2000+ (?)

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Life Limiting Factors: Experienced/Dedicated Workforce



- Actively Working to Maintain Motivated Workforce
 - Mission Planning Upgrade
 - **DEC to SUN Migration**
 - Intensive Training Underway
 - **Mission** - Addition of
 - Remodeling Mission Control Complex
 - Cross-Training Personnel

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Program Attributes



- **Cost Effective**
- Polar Coverage
- Revisit Time
- **TOPS** (Real-time Data to Warfighter)
- **Ability to Capture Low Power Emitters**
 - Low Orbit (Link Closure)
 - RF Sensitivity
- Analyst Certified Data
- Monopulse Geolocation
- **Solid, Reliable Vehicles**

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Future Outlook



■ Changes in Operations Philosophy

■ Manning Profile

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Future Outlook: Changes in Ops Philosophy FY 2000-2001



■ Two Simultaneous ACTIVE Supports	Done
■ Transfer PASSIVE Supports to OD-4/DZ	Done
■ MC Assume Some PA Functions	Jun 99
■ Solo ACTIVE Supports (selected)	Jun 99
■ Modify SOH Requirements	Done
■ Reduce Frequency of TOPS Memory Dumps	Study
■ Program Tape Recorder Readouts	Apr 99
■ Semi-freeze Software Baseline	Y2K

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Future Outlook: Changes in Ops Philosophy FY 2000-2001 cont.

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Optimize	e STEX vs Use	TBD
■ Revise	WDR Tape Stacking Logic	Study
■ CDC 200	00	Underway
Ship Ana	alog Tapes Directly to	Apr 99
Streaml	ine Comm	In Work
Modify (OA Shift (2x8hr to 1x12hr)	Study

Consolidate Management Functions

In Work



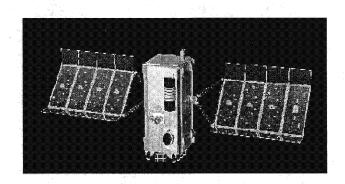


Space Technology Experiment (STEX)



- Status Update
- **■** Recommendations





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Current Status

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- Description of the			***************************************			- Parameter and in con-

- All AS&T Primary Experiments have been Completed
- Vehicle Commanded to

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- Solar Array Output Capability Degraded ~50%
 - Current Solar Array Output is 12.9 Amps
 - Projected Solar Array Output with no Further Degradation at 0 beta is
 12.5 Amps
- Currently in 100% Sun Period (27 Mar 29 Apr 99)

Significant Events In Last 30 Days

- Performed Orbit Raise to 10 nmi below F-III (Extended Rendezvous window)
- Took Preventive Measures to Slow Solar Array Degradation

Upcoming Significant Events

- Rendezvous on 1 Jun 99 (Begin Orbit Raise on 17 May 99)
- Minimum Sun Period (4 18 Jun 99)

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Solar Array Mitigation Plan

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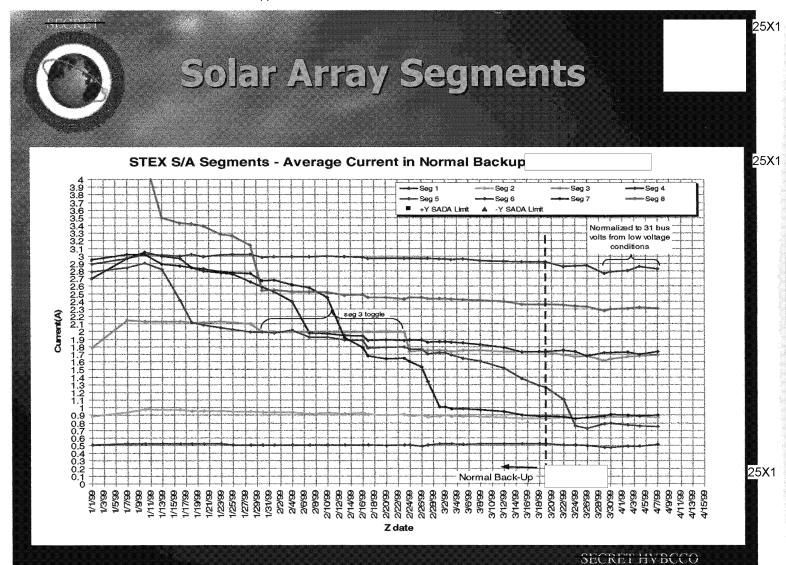
- Probable Cause of Solar Array Degradation is High Temperatures on Panels
 - 152°C when Producing Power
 - 167°C when Shunting
 - 204°C when Shadowed
 - 179°C Solder used for Solar Cell Connections Melts
- Preventive Measures Taken
 - To Prevent Shunting Manually Increased Load on Vehicle to Prevent Battery Top-off
 - LMA working on FSW Patch to Control Loads
 - To Prevent Shadowing and Non-uniform Illumination on Solar Panels (only happens above 49° Beta) - Pointed Vehicle Toward Sun

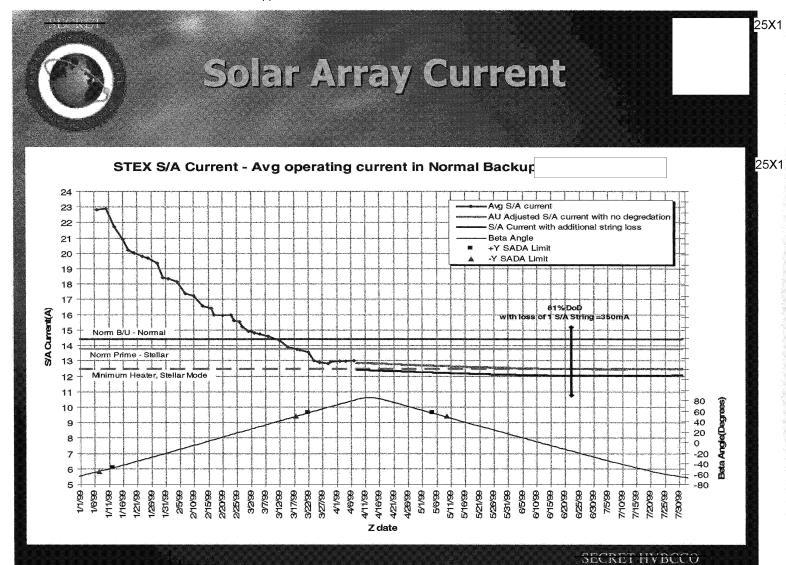


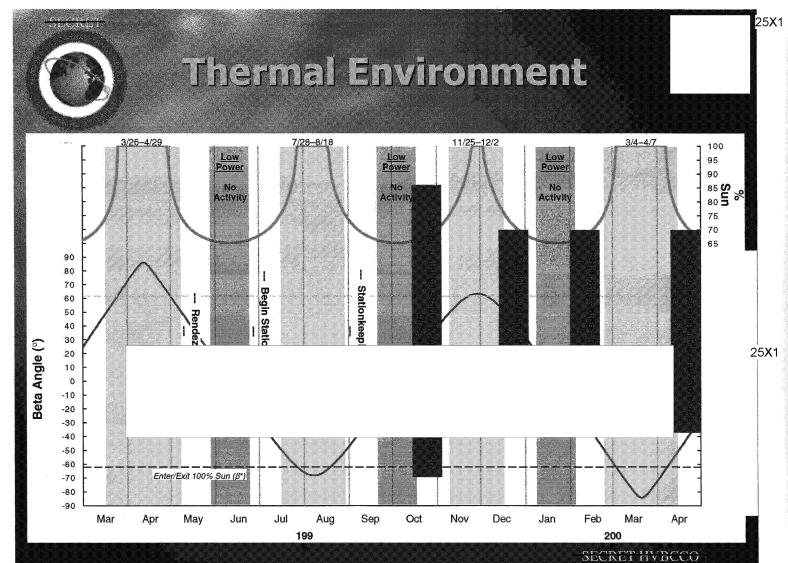
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Payload-A Operations

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1 Year VPCI mission = 3.5 months extension in p	rojected	tape cycle life
(Assumes Best Case: 90% reduction in	Tape Cycles	for Assured
VPCI Mission Periods from Nov 99 to Nov 00)		
Conceduances		

unsequences:

- Vehicle Maintenance Requires <u>HIGH</u> Level of Eng and Ops Support
- Vehicle Engs not Providing Full Support on other Operational vehicles
 - 4.5 Engineers Supporting STEX (planned for 2 engineers)
 - No Resources added to Program to Cover Additional Workload
 - Additional Risk to FARRAH Vehicles
- Possible Impact to the 2 Simultaneous ACTIVE Supports Rule if more Supports are Required for STEX Maintenance
 - Impacts Operational Manning
 - Possible Impacts to Tasking on Other Vehicles

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VPCI Mission Technical Risks



- No Further Degradation
 - During Rendezvous
 - Low Risk
 - Batteries Should Recover Prior to Minimum Sun Period
 - During Continued Operations
 - Medium-to-High Hisk
 - Altitude with Limited Separation
 - Flight through Minimum Sun would Require Safeties to be De-activated
 - Further Degradation at this point would Require Immediate Lowering to Decommission Altitude
 - May be Unable to Perform if in Minimum Sun

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- During Decommissioning
 - Low-to-Medium Risk
 - No Problem if Outside the Minimum Sun Period
 - May be Unable to Perform if in Minimum Sun

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VPCI Mission Technical Risks

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Single String Loss

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- High Risk
 - Vehicle would be at or near
 Altitude at Time of Power Depletion
 - Battery Capacity would Continue to Decrease during Minimum Sun Period
 - Loss of Vehicle from Battery Capacity Depletion before Exiting Minimum Sun

During Continued Operations

- High Risk
 - At
 Altitude with Limited Separation
 - Loss of Power further Burdens Efforts to Maintain Control (FSW Patches)
 - Flight through Minimum Sun would not be Possible
 - Loss of Vehicle from Battery Capacity Depletion
 - Immediate Lowering to Decommission Altitude would be Required
 - May be Unable to Perform if in Minimum Sun

During Decommissioning

- Medium-to-High Risk
 - No Problem if outside the Minimum Sun period
 - Unable to Complete Lowering of Vehicle, if required, in Minimum Sun
 - Loss of Vehicle from Battery Capacity Depletion prior to Completion

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Recommendations



ı	Terminate	Plans to Rendezvous with	Immediately
	- Risk to	and other Vel	hicles (limited resources)

Outweigh Gains to Payload-A Operations

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- Develop and Get Approval for Decommissioning Execution Plan based on Decommission Guidance
 - Provide AS&T a Period to do any Additional Performance Testing
 - Implement Decommission Plan
- All Critical Operations must be Complete by ~29 May (predicted) to Assure Adequate Power Margin
- **Early Decision Allows Us to do Experiments & Reprogram resources**

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