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Dr. Brockway McMillan Director National Reconnaissance Office Washington, D. C.

Dear Brock:

PUNDIT IV has the potential of providing excellent environmental data that would be extremely valuable

grams. If properly oriented PUNDIT IV could provide a rather complete frequency time history of emitters which are potential sources of interference in the bands of interest throughout the entire Soviet Bloc, and detailed power gain patterns of specific interferring emitters such as FM and TV broadcast stations.

It will not be necessary to make any changes in the prime mode (Mode B) of PUNDIT IV operation. The capability can be implemented by a few changes in the Mode A (the real time indicator) system. Thus the principal mission of PUNDIT IV will in no wise be affected.

If you agree in principal with this proposal, I will have members of my Technical staff work the details with your representative.

Sincerely yours,

Albert D. Wheelon Deputy Director



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SUBJ: LOSS OF PAYLOAD DATA-MSN 7302
FOR YOUR INOFRMATION, THE FOLLOWING REPORT AND COMMENTS
ON 7302 ANOMALIES FROM LMSC IS SUBMITTED.

PAYLOAD DATA FROM MISSION 7302 HAS BEEN LOST BECAUSE THE VEHICLE COMMAND LOGIC HAS MALFUNCTIONED OR BECAUSE THE COMMAND LOGIC HAS BEEN DISTURBED BY AN OUTSIDE UNKNOWN SOURCE.

LOSS OF BATA BECAUSE OF A COMMAND LOGIC MALFUNCTION HAS OCCURRED SIX OR SEVEN TIMES. READINS COMMANDED ON PASS 17, 31, 36, 46, 47 AND 70 DID NOT OCCUR, PROBABLY BECAUSE VEHICLE TIMER LOGIC DID NOT RESET, WHICH IN TURN DID NOT ALLOW A READIN TO PROCEED. FURTHER LOSS OF DATA DUE TO THIS MALFUNCTION WAS MINIMIZED, AND PROBABLY ELIMINATED STARTING WITH ORBBIT 72, BY SENDING A CORRECTIVE RESET COMMAND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

THE EFFECT OF EXTRANEOUS COMMANDS HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF PAYLOAD DATA. FAILURE TO READ OUT RECORDED DATA ON AT LEAST TEN PASSES (31, 37, 114, 129, 143, 174, 178, 186, 196, 305, 343) PLUS INCORRECT PROGRAMMING AND OTHER FUNCTIONAL ANOMALIES ARE BELIEVED TO BE DUE TO UNDESIRED

COMMANDS OR THEIR EFFECTS GETTING INTO THE VEHICLE.

THREE SOURCES OF EXTRANEOUS COMMANDS ARE POSSIBLE-COMMERCIAL EMITTERS, NOISE TRIGGERING OF THE COMMAND DECODERS, INADVERTANT FRIENDLY COMMANDING, AND POSSIBLY UNFRIENDLY COMMANDING. WHATEVER THE SOURCE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE LOSS OF PAYLOAD DATA. IN GENERAL, THIS WILL TAKE THE FORM OF SWITCHING OUT COMMAND CIRCUITRY AS SOON AS THE SATELLITE LEAVES THE TRACKING STATION ACQUISITION CIRCLE. THIS ACTION HAS INHERENT DISADVANTAGES, FOR INSTANCE OVERSEAS STATIONS MAY BE DENIED ACCESS TO THE VEHICLE. IT IS FURTHER NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE INTERFERING SIGNAL. THIS CAN BE DONE SIMPLY BY RECORDING THE TONE OUTPUTS OF THE COMMAND RECEIVER ON SELECTED PASSES. POSSIBLE REDESIGN OF THE COMMAND SYSTEM CONCEPT MAY BECOME NECESSARY.

ON O 180 DESCENDING COMMANDS 2, 3, 2, 1,7 WERE SENT AND VEFIFIED, ON 186 ONLY LINK 1 CAME ON BUT T/R R/O WAS OK. THIS MEANS THAT (1) EITHER THE COMMAND 7 WAS ACTED UPON BY THE APPROPRIATE SPC'S AND THEN A SECOND SET OF COMMANDS CONSISTING OF COMMAND SIX PLUS 1, 4 OR 5 GOT IN. BUT SINCE NO COMMAND 3 INTERVENED BETWEEN COMMAND SETS, THE SECOND READIN WAS INEFFECTIVE AND THE T/R DID NOT TURN ON OR (2) NEITHER A SIX NOR SEVEN GOT IN-SOMEHOW A COMMAND 3 GOT IN AND NEGATED THE COMMAND SEVEN. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO CAUSE THE OBSERVED RESULTS, THE THREE HAD TO BE FOLLOWED BY A 1, 4, OR 5 PLUS A SIX.

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