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To: L/Col. V. Webb

From: [Redacted]

Subject: Launch Window for Stellar Baffle: M-26 System

1. M-26 launch after 2130Z is recommended to minimize sun struck stellar photography.
2. The first four days of stellar photography will be normal, with sufficient star imagery to meet program objectives.
3. The stellar imagery acquired on the fifth day is expected to contain some sun light fog above the usual earth albedo fog due to sun reflecting into the stellar system from the tip of the 11-3/8 inch stellar baffle.

It is recommended that the reflected sunlight from the baffle be accepted on the fifth day results and that a post-flight analysis be conducted to determine the degree of degradation to the stellar photography.

4. Launching at 2100Z will result in an additional half day of sun striking the end of the baffle.



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