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REFERENCE: MISSION 1020 ✓

A. REFERENCE MISSION MUST BE LAUNCHED BY 25 APRIL OR VEHICLE MUST BE RECYCLED TO APPROXIMATELY R-14. LISTED BELOW ARE THE LIFE LIMITED ITEMS THAT WILL EXPIRE BY DATE.

25 APRIL - "A" BUCKET BATTERY EXCEEDS STAND TIME.

BOOSTER LEAK CHECKS EXPIRE.

26 APRIL - AGENA ENGINE FUNCTIONAL CHECKS EXPIRE.

28 APRIL - AGENA PNEUMATIC LEAK CHECKS EXPIRE.

29 APRIL - VEHICLE BATTERIES EXCEED WET STAND TIME.

2 MAY - AGENA PAD SYSTEMS RUN EXPIRES.

B. FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEXT MISSION.

1. IF DESIRED LAUNCH OF 1020 IS 25 APRIL OR EARLIER - NO CHANGE TO PRESENT OPERATION.

2. IF DESIRED LAUNCH IS AFTER 25 APRIL WE CAN START A RECYCLE IMMEDIATELY AND HAVE 1020 BACK AT R-1 ON 29 APRIL. THIS ASSUMES NOTIFICATION BY FRIDAY, 16 APRIL AND EASTER SUNDAY OFF.

3. AS AN ALTERNATE SOLUTION, WE CAN HOLD 1020 AT R-1 UNTIL 25 APRIL. IF BY THIS TIME NO LAUNCH IS DESIRED, COUNT CAN BE PICKED UP

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In Accordance with E. O. 12958

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ON MISSION 1019 WHICH WILL BE AT R-7 AND HOLDING ON 20 APRIL. UNDER THIS OPTION 1019 COULD BE LAUNCHED 1 MAY AND 1020 WOULD HAVE RECYCLED TO R-7 ON 2 MAY. SINCE BOTH VEHICLES HAVE IDENTICAL MISSIONS THIS OPTION WOULD SEEM TO SATISFY ALL REQUIREMENTS. ONE VEHICLE WOULD BE AT R-7 OR BETTER AT ALL TIMES AND A FULL 17 DAY R-1 TEST COULD BE EXERCISED ON 1020. WE PROPOSE UNDER THIS OPTION TO ACTUALLY COUNTDOWN 1020 ON APRIL 25 IF IT IS NOT DIRECTED TO LAUNCH AND SCRUB AT PHASE IV OF TERMINAL COUNT. ONLY IN THIS MANNER ARE WE ABLE TO FULLY TEST THE CAPABILITY OF THE SYSTEM TO STAND AT R-1 FOR PROLONGED PERIODS AND SUCESSFULLY COMPLETE A TERMINAL LAUNCH COUNTDOWN.

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