

[Redacted]

(b)(3)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:46 AM

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Two questions about NROL-76 --- ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Classified By: [Redacted]
Derived From: NCG 6.0 dated 20050521
Declassify On: 25X1, 20620131, RRG dated July 2005
=====

[Redacted]

(b)(3)

For question 1 the short answer is that SpaceX can declare a successful launch after we have verified the vehicle is in its proper orbit. I believe this should come as a joint discussion between the program office and OSL/NOPS.

I'm hesitant to give SpaceX an exact time, but we could coordinate with you two on day of launch and let you know that we're in a nominal flight path and have achieved first contact with the SV.

How does that sound?

[Redacted]

(b)(1)
(b)(3)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:05 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Two questions about NROL-76 --- ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

(b)(3)

Classified By: [Redacted]
Derived From: NCG 6.0 dated 20050521
Declassify On: 25X1, 20620131, RRG dated July 2005
=====

Thank you [Redacted] (I know you and team are very busy.)



From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:58 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Two questions about NROL-76 --- ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

(b)(3)

Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Classified By: [redacted]
Derived From: NCG 6.0 dated 20050521
Declassify On: 25X1, 20620131, RRG dated July 2005
=====

(U) Greetings [redacted] As for question 2, I answered it last Friday in another email (attached) so I won't repeat it here. Basically, it's up to senior leaders whether to distribute more widely. The SPO has no objections to wider release but nothing further to add.

(b)(3)

(U) The answer to question 1 will take longer so I'll get back to you.

Very Respectfully,



(b)(1)
(b)(3)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:58 PM

(b)(3)

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

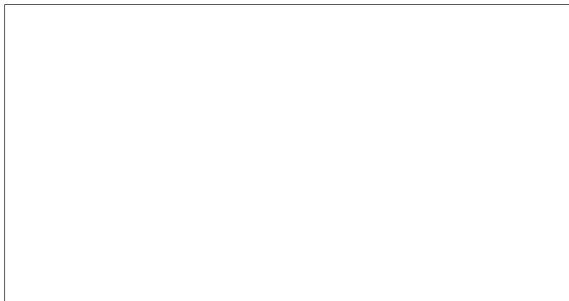
Subject: RE: Two questions about NROL-76 --- ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Classified By: [redacted]
Derived From: NCG 6.0 dated 20050521
Declassify On: 25X1, 20620131, RRG dated July 2005
=====

[redacted] Forwarding request to you, in [redacted] absence. Please see below & reply all.

Thanks!



From [redacted]

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:56 PM

To [redacted]

Cc [redacted]

Subject: Two questions about NROL-76 --- ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Importance: High

(b)(3)

Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Classified By: [redacted]

Derived From: NCG 6.0 dated 20050521

Declassify On: 25X1, 20620131, RRG dated July 2005

=====

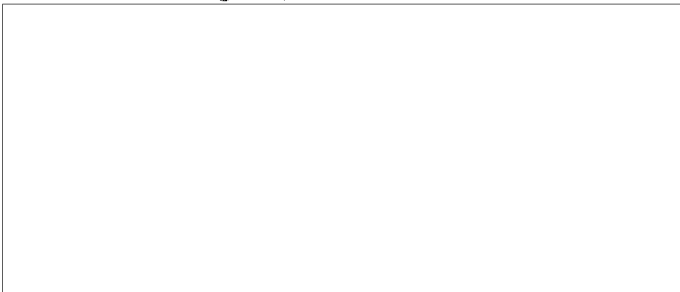
Hi [redacted] and I have a couple of questions about NROL-76.

1) At what time after liftoff can SpaceX (and then NRO public affairs) declare a “successful launch” of NROL-76? This will be the time when we issue press releases. The standard practice for ULA launches has been to choose a time that appears random or arbitrary, but is after payload separation. The OSL mission director usually approves the proposed time. (This is because OSL does not consider launch a success unless the payload reaches its orbit.) However, NROL-76 is different, being a commercial launch, with delivery on orbit, so I don’t know that OSL would determine or approve the time.

2) DNRO approved the NRO’s NROL-76 logo (the design showing Lewis & Clark). Is there an understanding that the logo/patch design would NOT be used in public and media communications? I know it was determined that it would not be used on the payload fairing. I also know that coins, patches, shirts, etc., have been made and are available to the workforce to buy and use. I want to make sure the PA team knows whether we can include the patch design on social media or in our press release, which we have done in the recent past for other launches.

If the answer is to not release the logo, we foresee that the media will ask and speculate about the reasons. We can also expect a FOIA request for it.

Thanks and regards,



=====
Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

=====
Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

=====
Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

=====
Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~

=====
Classification: ~~SECRET//TK//REL TO USA, FVEY~~