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

To: [Redacted] (b)(3)
Cc: [Redacted]

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

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(U) [Redacted] Sure does. Plu [Redacted] confirmed no objections to release. We'll have to make sure we use the final version. Thanks much.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:43 AM

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(U) Got it [Redacted], thanks...once the logo was approved there was never a discussion about not releasing it...only that it was too late to put it on the rocket. So, as far as I know, there are no obstacles real or implied to release. Hope this closes the issue.

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Very Respectfully,

[Redacted]

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From: [redacted]

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Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:51 PM

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

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Hello [redacted] I saw your feedback regarding release of the launch logo and understand what you wrote. What OPA does not know is whether at any time in the review process [redacted] DNRO were lead to believe the logo would not be released? If this was never an expectation or agreed upon it would be treated like all other launch logos and released.

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Thanks

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From: [redacted]

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Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 4:58 PM

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

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(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.

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

Very Respectfully,

[Redacted]

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

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

Thanks!

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:56 PM

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



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