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1. This is to inform you that on 30 August 01, the DNRO approved the proposal from the Office of Policy Center for the Study of National Reconnaissance (CSNR) to declassify the "fact of" the NRO use of the Space Shuttle as a launch vehicle.

2. Implementation of this declassification action will be in accordance with para 6.0 of the attached Policy Decision Risk Assessment (PDRA). This specifies that when approved the Office of Policy will coordinate with appropriate offices (Office of Security (OS), Information Declassification Review Center (IDRC) and Office of Corporate Communications (OCC), to ensure that necessary personnel are notified and updates are made to the NRO Classification and Redaction Guides.

3. It should be noted that this decassification applies to "fact-of" only and that affiliated programmatic data (Engineering, Operational and Management) require continued classification. Until completion of implementation actions as noted above this "fact-of" should not be used as unclassified without checking with appropriate organization security officers.

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