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BASED ON AUTHORIZATION BY SAFSP, THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY HAS MADE TWO WHITE PRESENTATIONS TO NASA ON PERCHERON. AS A RESULT OF THESE PRESENTATIONS, NASA IS VERY INTERESTED, BELIEVING IT CAN SAVE QUITE A BIT OF MONEY BY PURCHASING AN ALREADY-DEVELOPED SPACECRAFT FOR ITS PHOTOGRAPHIC EARTH-SENSING ACTIVITIES.

ADMIRAL BOONE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US, IN THIS REGARD, AND DESIRES ANSWERS TO THREE QUESTIONS:

1. G.E. CLAIMS IT MUST HAVE NASA'S REACTION (DECISION TO BUY) TO PERCHERON BY 1 MAY. NASA WOULD LIKE ABOUT 30 DAYS TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL FURTHER. RECOGNIZING THAT THE DATE IS A MATTER OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN NASA AND G.E., DO YOU KNOW OF ANY DOD REASON WHICH WOULD MAKE THE DATE UNALTERABLE?
2. WILL THERE BE ANY SECURITY COMPLICATIONS IN NASA'S USE OF THIS SPACECRAFT?
3. WILL THERE BE ANY PROBLEM IN GETTING THE SPACECRAFT LAUNCHED OR ITS FILM RECOVERED FOR NASA?

THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL PROBABLY LEAD TO OTHERS, SUCH AS BOOSTER AVAILABILITY, LAUNCHING PAD AVAILABILITY, COSTS, SCHEDULES, ETC. SUGGEST YOUR SPOKESMAN ARRANGE A MEETING WITH ADMIRAL BOONE, WHOSE EXTENSION IS 23802.

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