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[REDACTED] FOR J. HILL/K. MYERS/[REDACTED]: INFO  
FOR L. CRESS  
FROM: D. ALSER/L. MCCHRISTIAN/[REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE GAMBIT VEHICLE 55 BUDGET  
OPTION

REFERENCE: KUBISON MSG 1986, DTD 30 JAN 84  
1. PER OUR TELECONS ON 12-13 FEB 84, THE FOLLOWING  
ALTERNATIVE BUDGET OPTION FOR A GAMBIT VEHICLE 55  
IS PROVIDED:

FUND REQUIREMENTS  
FY 82 FY 83 FY 84 TOTAL

SATELLITE VEHICLE  
T-34D/T-III CONVERSION  
T-34D CORE REPLACE-  
MENT (IF REQUIRED)  
TOTAL

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2. ALL OPTION SPECIFICS REMAIN THE SAME AS PRESENTED  
IN THE MAY 80 BUDGET SUBMISSION AND THE REFERENCED  
MESSAGE EXCEPT THAT GAMBIT VEHICLE 55 IS AVAILABLE IN  
THE LAST QUARTER OF CY 1983. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, FULL  
90-AHEAD IS REQUIRED BY 1 OCT 84 WITH AUTHORITY TO  
INITIATE LONG-LEAD PRECUREMENTS BY 1 JUL 84.  
3. THE BOOSTER VEHICLE FUNDING PROFILE IS FOR REPLACE-  
MENT COSTS OF THE TITAM 34D CORE VEHICLE (IF REQUIRED).  
THE PROFILE REFLECTS THE REPLACEMENT PROCUREMENT AND,  
ALTHOUGH IT EXTENDS ONE YEAR BEYOND THE GAMBIT SATELLITE  
VEHICLE PROCUREMENT, HAS NO IMPACT ON THE GAMBIT VEHICLE  
55 AVAILABILITY. GAMBIT VEHICLE 55 WOULD USE AN UN-  
ASSIGNED AIR FORCE CONTINGENCY SPARE, WHICH COULD BE  
REPLACED.

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