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REPORTING GUIDANCE

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SAFSP LAUNCHES FROM VANDENBERG AFB

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REPORTING OF MISSILE LAUNCH ACTIVITY

1. PURPOSE:

This document provides guidance for reporting SAFSP launch activities at Vandenberg AFB, CA.

2. REFERENCES:

- A. JCS Pub 6, Vol V, JRS
- B. AFR 127-4
- C. AFSCR 55-2

3. GENERAL:

The Chief of Staff, USAF and appropriate Commanders at major and intermediate command levels must be informed when a SAFSP system is launched or involved in any unusual event. Notification is essential to permit their knowledgeable reply to inquiries from government officials or the general public.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Commander, 6595th Space Test Group (6595 STGp), is responsible for implementing the reporting requirements set forth in this document.

5. REPORTING:

A. LIMITATIONS: Prior to the release of any telephonic or telegraphic reports, the Commander, 6595 STGp will notify and receive approval from the Director of Special Projects, SAFSP, or his Deputy Director for the program concerned.

B. REPORTS: Reporting requirements contained in references, paragraph 2 above, and public information reporting will be addressed in this section. Reports required under both normal and accident conditions are listed in relation to the launch phase activity, i.e., prelaunch and post launch.

(1) NORMAL CONDITIONS:

(a) PRELAUNCH: The D-5 Day Presto Report required by AFSCR 55-2, as supplemented, will be initiated by the 6595 STGp. Format will be per report 1, ANNEX 1.

(b) POST LAUNCH:

1. The 6595 STGp will assure SAMTEC Range Operations (ROOC) transmittal of the Range Post Launch Report (submitted NLT launch plus one hour) adheres to the format and content of report 2, ANNEX 1.

2. A PRESTO QUICKLOOK Report, per AFSCR 55-2 will be submitted (NLT launch plus 8 hours) by the 6595 STGp. Format and content will be per report 3, ANNEX 1. Additionally, as applicable, a SAMTEC (OI) public information message correlating with the content of report 3, ANNEX 1, will also be approved (by 6595th ATW/CC) for release.

(2) ACCIDENT CONDITIONS:

(a) PRELAUNCH: In the event of an on pad catastrophe, the 6595 STGp will provide JCS Pub 6, Vol V, JRS, OPREP 3 telephonic report data to Range Scheduling, per the format in report 4, ANNEX 1. Additionally, a follow-up record report of the telephonic OPREP 3 transmission will be submitted by the 6595th STGp via teletype; per the format of report 5, ANNEX 1. A correlating public information message, prepared by SAMTEC (OI), will also be approved (by 6595th ATW/CC) for release. Subsequent reporting will be accomplished in accordance with the reporting schedule and format requirements of AFR 127-4, attachments 4 and 8 respectively.

(b) POST LAUNCH:

1. In the event a failure occurs prior to Satellite Vehicle separation, Range Control, after coordination with 6595th STGp/CC, will provide JCS Pub 6, Vol V, JRS OPREP 3 telephonic report data to Range Scheduling; per format in report 4, ANNEX 1. Range Control, after coordination with 6595th STGp/CC, will submit a follow-up OPREP 3 Record Report via

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teletype; per the format of report 5, ANNEX 1. A correcting public information report, prepared by SAMTEC (OI), will also be approved (by 6595th ATW/CC) for release. Subsequent reporting will be accomplished in accordance with the reporting schedule and format requirements of AFR 127-4, attachments 4 and 8 respectively.

2. In the event a failure occurs after SV separation, reporting, if required, will be accomplished by the cognizant SAFSP program element.

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ANNEX 1

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REPORT NO. 1

TYPE: D-5 PRESTO REPORT (Submitted 5 work days prior to launch)  
MODE OF SUBMISSION: Telegraphic  
PRECEDENCE: Routine  
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET (When message text is completed)  
FROM: 6595th Space Test Group/CC  
TO: AFSC/DOOW, Andrews AFB, MD  
INFO: SANSO/XOP, Los Angeles, CA  
CINCNORAD/NCMC/WOSC-M, Ent AFB, CO

SUBJECT: D-5 Presto Report for (Operation Number)

TEXT: 1. (S) (Insert booster type and serial number), operation number (list number), will be launched from Vandenberg AFB, SLC (list number and pad) on (date). Launch window is (time)z to (time)z. Launch azimuth (degrees) TRUE. Launch will be conducted by the 6595th ASTWg.

2. (U) The purpose of this launch is to place a classified payload in orbit.

3. (U) Radar optics and TM data will be collected from Lompoc AFS and Vandenberg AFB through orbit injection.

4. (U) This message is classified SECRET because of the association of the operation number, launch pad, launch date and primary objectives.

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REPORT NO. 2

TYPE: Range Post Launch Report (iILT launch plus 1 hour)  
MODE OF SUBMISSION: Telegraphic  
PRECEDENCE: Immediate  
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET (When message text is completed)  
FROM: SAMTEC Range Operations (R00C)  
TO: AFSC/Andrews Operation Center/AOC  
SAMS0/Los Angeles AFS Operation Center/XOP  
SAMS0/Det 3  
SAMS0/SCD

SUBJECT: Range-Post Launch Report

TEXT: Five Paragraph Message as follows:

- Para One: (a) Range Operation Number  
(b) Liftoff Time  
(c) Missile Type (booster name)  
(d) Launch Pad  
(e) Launch Agency  
(f) Launch Azimuth
- Para Two: Mission objective (place a classified payload in orbit).
- Para Three: Identify any significant holds experienced in the launch countdown.
- Para Four: (a) Booster performance (booster performance appeared to be nominal); or,  
(b) Range Destruct sent at (time).
- Para Five: Contact (the Program Office) for additional information.

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REPORT NO. 3

TYPE: PRESTO QUICKLOOK REPORT (Launch plus 8 hours)  
MODE OF SUBMISSION: Telegraphic  
PRECEDENCE: Immediate  
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET (When message text is completed)  
FROM: 6595 ASTWg/CC  
TO: CSAF  
AFSC/DOOC/DOOW, Andrews AFB, MD  
INFO: SAMSO/XOP, Los Angeles, CA  
CINCNO RAD/NCMC/NO SC-M, Ent AFB, CO  
SUBJECT: Presto Quicklook

TEXT: 1. (S) Operation (number), (type of booster) was launched from Space Launch Complex (number and pad) on (date), at (time). Preliminary evaluation indicates that ascent trajectory and orbit were (nominal or state the anomalies). Real time telemetry data showed (no vehicle anomalies or state the anomalies).

2. (U) This message is classified (SECRET because of the association of operation number, vehicle type and launch pad.

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REPORT NO. 4

TYPE: OPREP 3 Report

MODE OF SUBMISSION: Telephonic (A telegraphic record report will be forwarded 1 hour after the telephonic; see Report No. 5)

PRECEDENCE: Immediate

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

FROM: Range Scheduling (ROOS)

TO: USAF, AFSC(Andrews Opn Ctr/AOC), SAMSO(Los Angeles AFS Opn Ctr/XOP)

TEXT:

a. In the event of an on-pad catastrophe - A (booster type) space launch vehicle was involved in an on-pad accident at Vandenberg AFB, CA on (date), at (time). The vehicle was being prepared for launch by the 6595th STGp (AFSC), VAFB, CA. There were (indicate the number VIP, military and civilian) casualties; or state unknown. Provide a brief description of damage to government and/or private property, or state unknown. Provide an estimate as to the public relations impact. A classified record report will follow. Point of contact is (name), Commander, 6595th STGp (AFSC), Vandenberg AFB, CA., (Autovon 276-7048).

b. In the event of a failure prior to SV separation - A (booster type) space launch vehicle failed in flight on (date), at (time). The vehicle was launched from Vandenberg AFB, CA by the 6595th STGp (AFSC), VAFB, CA. There were (indicate the number of VIP, military or civilian) casualties, or state unknown. Provide a brief description of damage to government and/or private property, or state unknown. Provide an estimate as to the public relations impact. A classified record report will follow. Point of contact is (name), Commander, 6595th STGp, Vandenberg AFB, CA (Autovon 276-7048).

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REPORT #0. 5

TYPE: OPREP 3 Record Report  
MODE OF SUBMISSION: Telegraphic  
PRECEDENCE: SECRET (When message text is completed)  
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED  
FROM: 6595th ASTWg/CC (Text a.) or Range Control/ROOC (Text b.)  
TO: CSAF  
INFO: AFEOC, Ft Richie, ID  
HQ USAF/ALT/Maxwell AFB, AL  
HQ AFSC  
HQ SAMS  
HQ SAMTEC (Mail)

TEXT: a. In the event of an on-pad catastrophe - A (booster type, serial no. ) with a classified payload was involved in an on-pad missile accident at Space Launch Complex (number and pad), Vandenberg AFB, CA. The event occurred on (date), at (time). The vehicle was being prepared for launch by the 6595th STGp (AFSC), Vandenberg AFB, CA. There were (indicate the number of VIP, military and civilian) casualties; or state unknown. Provide a description of damage to government and/or private property, or state unknown. Provide an estimate of public relations impact. Point of contact is (name), Commander, 6595th STGp (AFSC), Vandenberg AFB, CA (Autovon 276-7048).

b. In the event of a failure prior to SV separation - A (booster, serial no. and type) space launch vehicle with a classified payload failed in flight on (date), at (time). The vehicle was launched from Space Launch Complex (number and pad), Vandenberg AFB, CA by the 6595th STGp (AFSC), Vandenberg AFB, CA. Range safety destruct action (was or was not) initiated. Missile and payload debris has impacted (on land, or water) and recovery actions (are or are not) in progress. There were (indicate the number of VIP, military and civilian) casualties; or state unknown. Provide a description of damage to government and/or private property, or state unknown. Provide an estimate of public relations impact. Point of contact is (name), Commander, 6595th STGp (AFSC), Vandenberg AFB, CA (Autovon 276-7048).

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**PHONE LISTING  
FOR  
REPORTING ORGANIZATIONS**

**HQ SAMTEC**

LAUNCH OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER	276-7840/7292
SPACE LAUNCH COMPLEX 4	275-4421
6595th AEROSPACE TEST WING	276-6444
6595th AEROSPACE TEST GROUP	276-7048
TITAN DIVISION	276-6957

RANGE OPERATIONS	276-3805
RANGE SCHEDULING	276-8825
RANGE CONTROL	275-3091

**1STRAD**

BASE COMMANDER	276-4602
4392d CONTROL ROOM (Disaster Control)	276-6882/6411/6943
1STRAD SCHEDULING	276-5313
1STRAD COMMAND POST	276-9961

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**NEWS RELEASE GUIDANCE  
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RELEASE AFTER VEHICLE HAS BEEN  
LAUNCHED, AND IS OUT OF SIGHT AND HEARING

\_\_\_\_\_  
(satellite, space probe, etc.)

EMPLOYING A \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ COMBINATION WAS LAUNCHED FROM THE SPACE  
AND MISSILE TEST CENTER, VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CA.,  
TODAY \_\_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (time)  
PACIFIC STANDARD/DAYLIGHT TIME BY AN AIR FORCE AND INDUSTRY  
TEAM (if applicable).

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RELEASE IN EVENT OF EXPLOSION ON THE PAD:

"An \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLODED ON ITS LAUNCH PAD  
TODAY. \_\_\_\_\_ AT THE SPACE AND MISSILE  
TEST CENTER, VANDENBERG AFB, CALIFORNIA. AN INVESTIGATION  
IS UNDER WAY TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE."

RELEASE IN EVENT OF DESTRUCT ACTION WITHIN SIGHT AND HEARING  
OF GROUND OBSERVERS:

"A \_\_\_\_\_

WAS DESTROYED BY THE SPACE AND MISSILE TEST CENTER RANGE  
SAFETY OFFICER TODAY, \_\_\_\_\_ AT VANDENBERG  
AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, WHEN A MALFUNCTION CAUSED A  
DEVIATION IN ITS PLANNED FLIGHT PATH. AN INVESTIGATION IS  
UNDER WAY TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE."

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RELEASE IN EVENT OF IN-FLIGHT EXPLOSION WITHIN  
HEARING AND SIGHT OF GROUND OBSERVERS:

"A \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPLODED SECONDS AFTER IT WAS LAUNCHED AT \_\_\_\_\_  
PDT/PST FROM THE SPACE AND MISSILE TEST CENTER, VANDENBERG  
AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA. AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY  
TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE."

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