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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences  
Committee Briefing

As you have requested we have considered the pros and cons associated with the acceptance of Mr. Gehrig's request for briefing four freshman members of the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee. Following are our considerations.

a. Pros.

(1) Relationships with the Committee Staff would be improved if the briefings occurred.

(2) By understanding the NRO and its programs, the new Senators might attain sufficient sensitivity to the earth observation programs of NASA and their potential conflicts with our reconnaissance programs.

(3) Briefings to the new Senators might also assist in support for our programs in the overall Senate context.

b. Cons.

(1) The requested briefings might establish a precedent for briefings for the entire Committee and other Committees.

(2) The briefings given to the Senate space committee which has no program or budget authority for the NRP, might offend the Chairmen of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committee.

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(3) The briefings might lever for Mr. Gehrig in providing increased visibility for our program in the public domain as he has done in the past.

On balance, I believe we should be extremely careful in favorably responding to Mr. Gehrig's request. At the minimum, I recommend that you or Dr. McLucas contact Senators Stennis and McClellan of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees to clear such briefings in principle through them. Should they not offer objection, I recommend that you contact Senator Moss to assure that he, rather than his staff, believes the briefings to be necessary. I understand that Jim Gehrig is awaiting a draft letter from us supposing that there would be no objections to the briefings in principle even though he recognizes the departure from past precedent.

  
HAROLD P. WHEELER, JR.  
Colonel, USAF

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee  
Briefing

Attached are background papers on the four freshman Senators for which Mr. Gehrig has requested NRO briefings. In reviewing the committee assignments of the Senators, we believe that unless a major change in prerogatives is in order, there will be little benefit to be gained by briefing these men since they have no responsibility for program approvals or budgets. It appears as if Mr. Gehrig is attempting to establish a precedent with regard to widespread briefings for his committee.

  
Lt Colonel, USAF

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BUMPERS, Dale (Democrat)  
Junior Senator from Arkansas  
Elected 5 Nov 1974 to US Senate  
Term ends January 1981

### Background

Born: Charleston, Arkansas - 12 August 1925

Home: Charleston

Married - three children

Religion: Methodist

Education: Graduated University of Arkansas, 1948; Northwestern University Law School, LL.B., 1951

Military: Marine Corps, Pacific Theatre-World War II, 1943-46; discharged as sergeant

Profession: Attorney

Political: Elected governor of Arkansas in November 1970; reelected to second term in 1972. Resigned as Governor of Arkansas, effective, noon, 3 Jan 75; his term of service in the Senate began 3 Jan 1975.

Was City Attorney for Charleston, 1951-70, and a Special Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court. During his term as governor, was Chairman of the National Democratic Governors' Caucus and the Southern Growth Policies Board; and member, Executive Committee of the National Governors' Conference and National Democratic Advisory Council of Elected Officials.

Affiliations: Past President, Charleston School Board; President, Charleston Chamber of Commerce (received Chamber of Commerce Citizens Award); past Chairman, United Fund, Boy Scout Fund, and Cancer Fund.

Additional Background: While Governor of Arkansas, his legislative accomplishments included government efficiency, more educational benefits in public schools, expansion of health care, jail and penitentiary reform, environmental protection, workmen's compensation benefits, tax reform, drug abuse prevention, increased funds for social and rehabilitative services, consumer protection, and better roads and highways.

AIR FORCE BASES: Blytheville AFB, Little Rock AFB, TITAN II Sites, Reserve Forces

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LAXALT, Paul (Republican)  
Senator from Nevada  
Elected 5 Nov 1974 to US Senate,  
term ends 1981

Background

Born: Reno, Nevada - 2 August 1922  
Home: Carson City, Nevada  
Married: Divorced - six children  
Religion: Roman Catholic  
Education: Attended Santa Clara Univ.; Univ. of Denver, B.S., LL.B., 1949  
Military: Served in the infantry, WWII; discharged as sergeant  
Professional: Lawyer, casino owner  
Political: Ormsby County, Nevada, district attorney, 1951-54; city attorney,  
Carson City, 1954-55; lieutenant governor, 1963-67; governor, 1967-71.  
Sen Laxalt was sworn in on 18 December 1974 to fill the unexpired term  
of Sen Bible (D-NV). He ran, unsuccessfully, for the US Senate in 1964.  
Affiliations: American Bar Association, American Legion, VFW, Eagles

AIR FORCE BASES: Nellis AFB, Minor Bases, and Reserve Forces

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**GARN, E. J. "Jake" (Republican)**  
**Junior Senator from Utah**  
**Elected 5 Nov 1974 to US Senate**  
**Term ends January 1981**



**Background**

**Born:** Richfield, Utah - 12 October 1932

**Home:** Salt Lake City

**Married:** Four children

**Religion:** Mormon

**Education:** University of Utah; B.S., 1955; One year of graduate study.

**Military:** Navy pilot 1956-60; discharged as lieutenant; LtCol, Utah Air National Guard. Recently given Bronze Minuteman Award.

**Profession:** Insurance

**Political:** Salt Lake City commissioner, 1968-72; commissioner, Dept of Water Supply & Waterworks; acting commissioner, City Fire Department. Continuing his emphasis on consolidation of local government and modernization of city administration, ran for and was elected mayor, the youngest ever to hold the position, effective 3 Jan 1972. President, Utah League of Cities & Towns (received "Tom McCoy Award" as Utah's outstanding municipal official). Elected second and then first vice president of the Board of Directors, National League of Cities; elected as one of three mayors to serve on the "New Coalition," a group concerned with issues dealing with the Federal Government. On 21 Dec 1974 was appointed as US Senator to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Rep W. F. Bennett.

**Affiliations:** President, Cancer Society; member, Salt Lake County & Wasatch Front Regional Council of Governments; Board of Directors, Utahns for Effective Government; chairman, Joint Board of Commissioners of Salt Lake Model Cities Agency; County Community Action Program; Jaycees; Chamber of Commerce; Salt Lake County Development & Promotion Board; Kiwanis; Univ. of Utah Alumni Assoc.; Sigma Chi. Listed in "Who's Who In The West," and "Who's Who In American Politics."

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FORD, Wendell H. (Democrat)  
Junior Senator from Kentucky  
Elected 5 Nov 1974 to U.S. Senate  
Term ends January 1981

### Background

Born: Owensboro, Kentucky - 8 September 1924

Home: Owensboro

Married: Two children

Religion: Baptist

Education: Attended University of Kentucky; Maryland School of Insurance, 1947

Military: Army, 1944-46; discharged as sergeant

Profession: Insurance

Political: Entered state government in 1959, as chief administrative assistant to the Governor. Elected state Senator in 1965, Lt Governor in 1967, and to a four-year term as Governor in 1971. Appointed on 28 Dec '74 to fill vacancy created by resignation of Sen Marlow Cook whose unexpired term ended 3 Jan '75; and commenced his own term of office as U.S. Senator on that date. Member, Democratic Party Advisory Council; chairman, National Democratic Governors' Caucus; chairman, Southern Governors' Conference Committee on Law Enforcement, Justice and Public Safety; and vice chairman, National Governors' Conference Natural Resources and Environmental Management Committee.

Affiliations: National president, Jaycees; member, Junior Chamber International; member, American Cancer Association (received Layman Award); past chairman state March of Dimes; director, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; member, Kentucky Council on Education; local director, Civitan International; member, Second Army Advisory Committee of American Legion; finance chairman, Audubon Council of Boy Scouts.

Additional Background: Chosen Outstanding Young Man of Daviess County; selected one of three Outstanding Young Man in Kentucky by Jaycees; recipient of Univ. of Louisville Minerva Award of Merit; and selected Conservation Man of the Year by the Kentucky Assoc. of Conservation Districts; and Agriculture's Man of the Year by the Kentucky Farm Press Assoc.

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