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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. *CDM*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Johnson Space Center,
Houston, Texas -- 9/20, 7:00 p.m. Draft

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks and we recommend that, in light of the reports about possible problems with the scheduled launch of the space shuttle, the references to the timing of the launch be revised. This will avoid any implication that the President is pressuring NASA to launch before everything is absolutely ready.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

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MEMORANDUM FOR KEN DUBERSTEIN
B. OGLESBY
MARLIN FITZWATER

FROM: NANCY RISQUA *Nancy Risqua*
SUBJECT: Possible Shuttle Launch Delay

NASA has just called to inform me of a possible problem with the shuttle. They are trying to determine whether this will necessitate a delay in the launch. NASA indicates that a decision on this will be made within the next 48 hours.

NASA has discovered that the booster nozzle on their test-bed was wrapped with a carbon coating at an incorrect angle. They are now trying to determine how the booster nozzle on the shuttle itself is wrapped. There may be no delay, or the delay could be several weeks.

The President's remarks may have to be adjusted to reflect an uncertain launch date.

According to NASA, National Public Radio has reported the story, but it has not been picked up yet by any other news agencies.

cc: Mari Maseng

Jim Fletcher

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(Klugmann/ARD)
September 20, 1988
7:00 p.m. RR

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: JOHNSON SPACE CENTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1988

Thank you Jim.

Administrator
of NASA

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(Klugmann/ARD)
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/19/88

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON Tuesday, 09/20

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: JOHNSON SPACE CENTER - HOUSTON, TX

(09/19 8:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan by Noon tomorrow, Tuesday, 09/20, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

(Klugmann/ARD)
September 19, 1988
8:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m. RR

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[Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings,
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds, and done a hundred things
you have not dreamed of --
Wheeled and soared and swung
high in the sunlit silence.
Hovering there I've chased the shouting wind along,
and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
where never lark or even eagle flew --
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
the high untrespassed sanctity of space
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.]

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARK KLUGMANN ^W
SPEECHWRITER TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Speech at Johnson Space Center

A suggestion was made to return to the Challenger Speech in the closing of this speech. There is also the concern, however, that standing beside the five members of the Discovery crew, the repetition of "to slip the surly bonds of earth... to touch the face of God" may seem inappropriate or possibly morbid. Not sure whether to go with the poem or not.

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DATE: 09/19/88

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON Tuesday, 09/20

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. *DMC*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Johnson Space Center --
Houston, Texas

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks, and we have no legal objection to their delivery.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

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Executive Secretary

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And we can do even more. Somewhere in America, there is alive today a small child who one day will be the first man or woman to ever set foot on the planet Mars. Let every child dream that he or she will be the person who plants the Stars and Stripes on that distant planet. Yes, I say, it can be done.

And you and I know that we are the Nation that must do it. Because in the next century, leadership on Earth will come to the Nation that shows the greatest leadership in space.

It is mankind's manifest destiny to bring our humanity into space, to colonize this galaxy; and as a Nation, we have the power to determine whether America will lead or will follow.

I say that America must lead. The Nation that has achieved the greatest human freedom on Earth must be the Nation to create a humane future for mankind in space, and it can be none other.

It is only in a universe without limits, that we will find a canvass large enough for the vastness of the human imagination.

Man's journey into space, like every great voyage of discovery, will become part of mankind's unending journey of liberation: In the limitless reaches of space, man will find his liberation from tyranny, from scarcity, from ignorance, and from war. We will find the means to protect this Earth and to nurture every human life, and to explore the universe. Let us go forward. This is our mission, this is our destiny. Thank you all and God bless you. And God bless America.