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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 6-10-88

TO: *Nancy Risque*

FROM: Alan M. Kranowitz
Office of Legislative Affairs

For starters. I've
asked for more depth
and detail.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ALAN M. KRANOWITZ

FROM: GERALD MCKIERNAN *g*
LARRY HARLOW *lh*

SUBJECT: Hill Outlook on Space Funding

SUMMARY

The two major Administration initiatives, the Space Station and the Commercially Developed Space Facility (CDSF) are in trouble on the Hill. Caught in the squeeze for funds and played off against each other, there is a disposition to provide minimal funding or support for both, preferring to let the next Administration make the go-no go decisions. In an election year there is little sentiment to fund the Space Station at the expense of breaking the budget agreement, or at the expense of domestic programs.

Senator Jake Garn has indicated that he may seek a revision of the 302(b) allocations when the Senate takes up its first appropriation bill. Although Garn may receive support from education groups (who also want reallocation), chances of success are doubtful.

SPACE STATION

The House Appropriations Committee has funded the Space Station at \$902 million for FY'89, \$65 million below the Administration's request. Revised 302(b) allocations approved today will reduce this amount further since the Committee must come up with another \$440 million in cuts prior to going to the floor. NASA has advised us that Administrator Fletcher will recommend termination if funding is less than \$500 million.

In the Senate, Chairman Proxmire is expected to propose only enough money (\$250 million) to sustain the program until January 1989 when the next Administration can resurrect the program with a supplemental should they chose to do so.

CDSF

The 1989 NASA Authorization includes a provision allowing limited authority to proceed with an RFP for the CDSF. No contract may be let without express Congressional approval and three bids must be received to constitute a legitimate offer.

In the Senate, the NASA Authorization is silent on the CDSF but the Committee has directed Jim Fletcher to prepare a report prior to proceeding with the RFP.

There is no enthusiasm or support for the CDSF from Space Station advocates in either House because they view it as the cheap, convenient, inadequate alternative to the Space Station. They perceive quite correctly, that the CDSF draws support away from the Space Station.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20546

THE ADMINISTRATOR

June 17, 1988

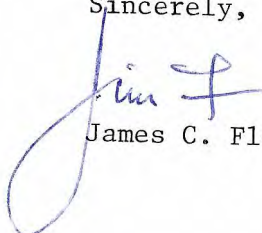
Honorable Nancy J. Risque
Assistant to the President
and Cabinet Secretary
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Nancy:

Here are the draft letters I mentioned to you on the phone. It is extremely urgent that letters go to all members of the Senate (or at least members of the Appropriations Committee) since the full committee markup is scheduled for next Wednesday.

The letters to House members should go to House leadership and key members who can effectively stop possible amendments to the House Appropriations Bill before it comes to the floor (possibly Wednesday or Thursday next week), or possibly during a floor debate.

Sincerely,


James C. Fletcher

Enclosures

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The Soviets already have an active space station program and are increasingly using it to support civilian space goals and to advance foreign policy objectives. Meanwhile, our closest friends and allies in Europe, Japan and Canada have agreed to join with us in a cooperative relationship which will substantially increase the capabilities of the U.S. station. A failure now to adequately fund this vital project will significantly undermine our national space effort and will raise serious questions about whether we are any longer a reliable leader and partner in an area where our leadership has been so vital for three decades.

The Nation needs the Space Station and needs it within the framework of a strong civil space program. The Space Shuttle is well on the way to recovery, and the important scientific programs are ready to make good use of the full range of space capabilities.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/21/88ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 pm todaySUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER ON SPACE STATION

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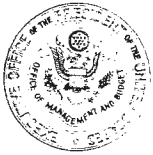
Please provide any comments directly to my office by 5:00 this afternoon. Thanks.

OMB's response incorporated

RESPONSE:

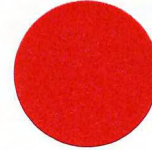
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Rhett Dawson
Ext. 2702



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 21, 1988



MEMORANDUM FOR: RHETT DAWSON
FROM: ~~Wayne Army~~ *Wafu*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter on Space Station

I understand that in today's markup, the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC) provided additional funding for the space station. The funding was taken from Defense, despite Administration objections. We are working to have the funding restored to Defense when the full Committee meets to markup the FY 1989 appropriations bill on Friday, June 24th.

In light of this, I do not believe we should send a letter now. My fear is that by sending this generic letter at this time, we will leave the impression that we support funding the space station at the expense of the President's defense priorities.

c: Nancy Risque

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT DAWSON

FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE *NR*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter on Space Station

NASA Administrator Fletcher and Commerce Secretary William Verity have requested in writing that the President convey his strong support for adequate funding for the Space Station program, currently pending in the Senate and House budget process. Deputy Secretary of Treasury Peter McPherson, as well as the National Security Council and the Office of Management and Budget concur in this recommendation.

Timing is crucial. The Senate Appropriations Committee mark-up of the space budget is scheduled for Wednesday morning, June 22. It is the view of the above-mentioned agencies that the President's message be conveyed to the Hill before the Senate mark-up.

While all of the above agencies believe it is important to issue a Presidential message or statement on Space Station, NASA has suggested that a letter is the best approach. Attached is NASA's draft letter for circulation that would be sent by the President to select Members of the House and Senate.

Last week the President sent a letter to several Members of Congress in support of all of the Administration's space initiatives. While that letter was helpful, the Space Station program remains in jeopardy due to budget pressures.

Alan Kranowitz asked that I put this letter in circulation, rather than his office.

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I have spoken with representatives from the following agencies who believe a Space Station letter should be sent to the Hill, but with language concerning the Defense Budget transfer:

Commerce (McCaffrey)

NSC (Bill Cockell, Roger DeKok's deputy -- DeKok was travelling yesterday and last night)

Treasury (McPherson)

OMB (Wayne Army -- although Army believes the wisest course is to wait to assess the Defense funds transfer)

Larry Harlow cautions that a letter on Space Station is:

- o unnecessary given the President just sent a letter on all s & t initiatives
- o could play into the hands of those who support Defense cuts
- o could anger Senator Garn -- who supported the transfer of Defense funds, and who may attempt a "cute" amendment that would violate the budget agreement for the sake of increasing Space Station funding (and that the Administration would not support)

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June 22, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE

SUBJECT: LETTER TO CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF SPACE STATION

Issue: *A letter from you to the Senate*

Back
Adequate funding for the Space Station program is in jeopardy. While the House Appropriation Committee has cut your request by \$___ million, the Senate Committee is considering even great reductions. *A final decision will be made by the Senate today and*

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Without adequate funds, the Space Station program will be terminated. *On the other hand, funding the Space Station at the expense of the Defense budget is*

Background:

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All affected agencies -- NASA, Commerce, Treasury, OMB, and the NSC -- believe that your involvement is crucial to save the Space Station program and to communicate displeasure over the Senate's proposed shifting of funds away from the Defense budget, *a move that violates the budget agreement.*

Recom
The above named agencies and your senior staff recommend that you send the attached letters to the Senate Appropriations Committee leadership today, prior to the 2:00 p.m. meeting.

Background:

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The Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to mark-up the space portion of the budget this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

This action would violate the budget agreement that was reached with Congressional leaders last November.

The prospect of insufficient funds to preserve the Space Station or of funding the Space Station at the expense of the Defense budget are both unacceptable.

it could involve taking funds from Defense to make up the difference in the Space Station.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NANCY J. RISQUE

SUBJECT: Letter to Congress in Support of Space Station

Issue: A letter from you to Senators Stennis and Hatfield.

Background: Adequate funding for the Space Station program is in jeopardy. While the House Appropriations Committee has cut your request by nearly \$100 million, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee dealing with space programs has proposed even greater cuts that would barely keep the Space Station alive. At the same time, another Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that deals with Defense has proposed transferring enough money (about \$600 million) from the Defense budget to keep the Space Station funded at an amount similar to that agreed to in the House. A final decision on the Space Station funding will be made by the full Senate Appropriations Committee today.

Discussion: Affected agencies -- NASA, Commerce, Treasury, OMB, and the NSC -- believe that your involvement is crucial to save the Space Station program and to communicate displeasure over the Senate's proposed shifting of funds away from the Defense budget, a move that violates the budget agreement.

Recommendation: These agencies and your senior staff recommend that you send the attached letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee leadership today, prior to the 2:00 p.m. meeting.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 6/22/88 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:15 am todaySUBJECT: REVISED LETTER ON SPACE STATION

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REMARKS: There will be a meeting in my office at 11:15 this morning to finalize this letter. Please have your comments ready for the meeting. My office will call to confirm attendance.

RESPONSE:

Rhett Dawson
Ext. 2702

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 22, 1988
8 a.m.

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Indeed, we are on the verge of formalizing this relationship by signing intergovernmental agreements with those partners who, in the aggregate, will contribute over \$7 Billion of the Station's cost.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/21/88 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 pm today

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER ON SPACE STATION

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RESPONSE:

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