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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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 (FROM NASA)

Rhett Dawson
 Ext. 2702

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OMB
Committee (Defense Appropriations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriation Committee) took \$600 million(?) from the Defense function (050) to fund the Space Station. The full committee is due to meet on Friday for its mark up. The Defense Appropriations Subcommittee acted contrary or over Administration objections to funding the Space Station from 050. We are endeavoring to get the full committee to restoring the funding to DoD and fund the Space Station elsewhere.

A memo on this is coming to you and Rhett at this moment outlining the above.

Fred Becker (x6190)

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NSC strongly concurs in the draft letters (with a recommended addition and suggested changes) supporting the Space Station program prepared by NASA. A clear and forceful expression of Presidential support for the program prior to the Senate Appropriations Committee's mark-up of the space budget, now scheduled for June 22, is of the utmost importance to ensure the survival of this key program.

Paul Schott Stevens

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Executive Secretary

Rhett Dawson
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT B. DAWSON
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Letters on Space Station

Counsel's office has reviewed the proposed letters from the President to Members of the House and Senate in support of funding for the space station, and we have no legal objection to these letters being sent.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT DAWSON

FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ *AMK*

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Letters on Space Station

If the decision is made to send a Presidential letter solely on the Space Station program, the proposed letters are fine. There are, however, a number of considerations that the President's senior staff and budget and science advisers should weigh carefully in deciding whether to recommend to the President that he send the letters.

The letters single out one program within the 250 (science) budget function, thereby sending Congress the message that the President gives it the higher priority than any other science program.

Congress will not respond (nor, I believe, would the Administration ask Congress to do so) by increasing Congressional appropriation totals to add more funds for the Space Station -- we expect compliance with the Bipartisan Budget Agreement floor-ceilings. If Congress provides more funding for the Space Station, it must provide less funding for something else.

To add funds for the Space Station, Congress most likely would reduce either other function 250 programs or function 050 (defense) programs. For example, three 050-reduction approaches are currently under consideration on the Senate side: (1) take Defense appropriations from the President's Strategic Defense Initiative and provide it for the NASA Space Station (Johnston idea); (2) take Defense appropriations from DOD Research and Development and provide it for NASA Space Station (SAC Defense Subcommittee idea); and (3) take unobligated balances of prior-year Defense appropriations and provide it for NASA Space Station (Garn idea).

A Presidential letter on the Space Station would substantially increase the likelihood of Senate adoption of one of these ideas, an outcome that undoubtedly would concern the Secretary of Defense greatly.

In deciding whether to ask the President to ^{sign} the proposed Space Station letter, the President's senior advisers should focus on where the money comes from as much as on where it goes.

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OMB's response incorporated

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RHETT DAWSON
FROM: ~~Wayne Arny~~ *Wafu*
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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

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DATE: 6/21/88

 1988 JUN 21 PM 5:00 pm today
 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:17
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER ON SPACE STATION

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RESPONSE: Our suggested draft is attached. We have tried call attention to the endangered Space Station minimizing other SET initiatives.

Dear _____:

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Every United States Representative and United States Senator has the privilege of leading America into the 21st century. There is probably nothing more important to our nation's future than support for science, space, and technology programs, which are essential to U.S. economic competitiveness and, therefore, U.S. economic well-being.

At every point in the budget cycle, we considered the full range of federal programs and their competing demands on scarce taxpayers' dollars. If we are to insure our future economic security, funding of science, space, and technology programs must remain a top priority now.

Because proposed programs in science, space, and technology are largely complementary and interdependent, I have not ranked one proposal over another. I understand, however, that the Senate is now at a critical decision point on the Space Station funding, so critical that proposed budget cuts would terminate the Space Station program.

The Space Station--which will advance the frontiers of scientific knowledge, advance our industrial technologies, and strengthen international cooperation in space--is as important as the Space Shuttle, the Commercially Developed Space Facility, the National Science Foundation programs, and other United States S&T initiatives.

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RESPONSE:

Don't we need a R R decision on what he will stand for in terms of paying for the Space Station out of DOD's side? Kenneth

Rhett Dawson
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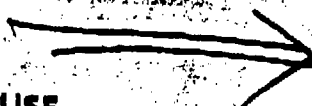
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