



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SPACE COUNCIL

SUBJECT: National Space Policy Review

As the President said when he signed the Executive Order establishing the National Space Council, we need to bring greater coherence, continuity, and commitment to our Nation's efforts in exploring, understanding, and developing space.

As a first step in that direction, I have asked Mark Albrecht, Executive Secretary of the National Space Council, to set in motion a fast-paced Council review of existing space policy and related policy guidelines. The review will have several purposes. It will result in the preparation of a factually updated policy directive for the approval of the President, which in turn will serve as a baseline for the Council's ongoing and future consideration of national space policy and implementing strategies.

The review will also serve as a forum for identifying emerging issues, opportunities, and implementing strategies that should be addressed by the Council and its working groups over the next six months. We will also look at new ways for promulgating Presidential space policy directives.

While the review is not expected to result in basic modifications to existing policies at this time, I must call upon you to give it your personal attention and priority to ensure that necessary changes are made, and that potential issues and opportunities are identified in a prompt and thorough manner.

The attached Terms of Reference (TOR) for the review have been developed in consultation with your staff. Please provide Mark Albrecht with any additional comments.

With this review, the Council will take its first steps toward shaping a pro-active, integrated, and comprehensive national space agenda that will, in the words of the President, "Keep America first in space."

I look forward to working with you in this important endeavor.


Dan Quayle

Attachment

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TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

REVIEW OF NATIONAL SPACE POLICY

Purpose:

These TOR outline the structure and process by which the National Space Council will review existing National Space Policy, produce an updated policy directive for approval by the President, and begin to identify implementing strategies for the Council's early consideration.

Background:

On January 5, 1988, President Reagan approved a National Security Decision Directive which consolidated and updated national space policy and related policy implementation guidelines. The NSDD's unclassified sections were issued February 11, 1988 as a White House Press Release, entitled "Presidential Directive on National Space Policy." The space policy was the product of an intensive five-month interagency review begun in July 1987, and carried out by the National Security Council's Senior Interagency Group for Space (SIG-Space). It provides overarching policy and implementing guidelines for the conduct of U.S. space activities in all national space sectors -- civil, national security, and commercial.

Review Structure:

The review will be carried out under the guidance of the National Space Council's interagency Policy Implementation and Review Committee (PIRC), chaired by the Council's Executive Secretary.

The review will be conducted specifically by the Ad Hoc Working Group for National Space Policy Review which will report to the PIRC. Additional Space Council ad hoc working groups or drafting groups may be formed at the discretion of the PIRC Chairman.

Process:

This review will be fast-paced. Changes are expected to be minimal because existing space policy is the product of a recent interagency review, and because of the substantive continuity between the Reagan/Bush and Bush/Quayle Administrations.

This examination of National Space Policy is expected to:

- Focus on factual updating rather than modifications of basic policy;

- Address the form in which the updated National Space Policy directive should be issued; and
- Identify potential areas, opportunities, and implementing strategies for later, focused examination by the Council's permanent or ad hoc working groups.

Final approval will, of course, rest with the President.

Schedule:

The schedule for this review is:

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| - | Organizational/planning meeting of Ad Hoc WG on National Space Policy Review | June 5, 1989 |
| - | Follow-on Meetings of Ad Hoc WG | As scheduled (June 6-26) |
| - | PIRC Meeting | June 29 |
| - | Space Council Meeting | July 11 |
| - | Presidential Decision/Approval | July 18 |

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