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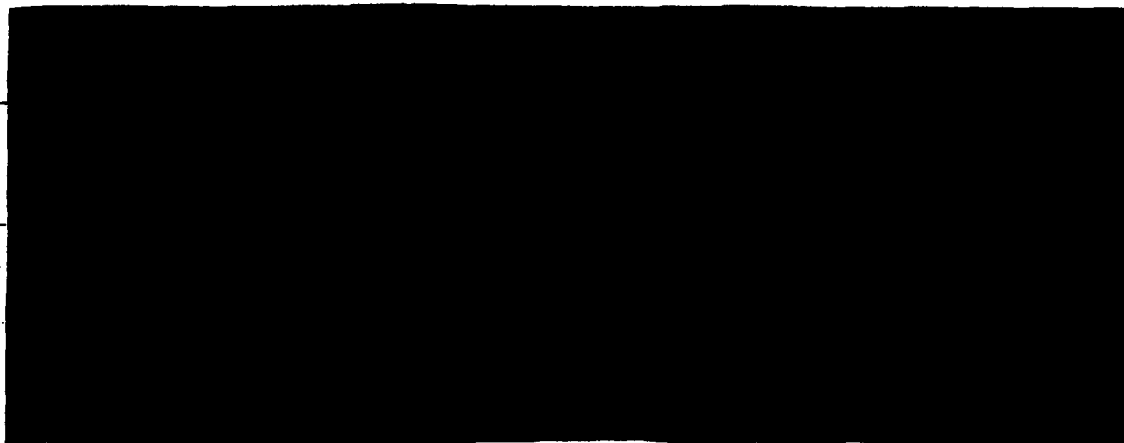
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Dear General Davis:

(U) It is my understanding that you recently had an informal discussion with Senator Tower and that the subject of NAVSAR (GPS/IONDS) came up. I further understand, from his staff, that your comments on the relative priority or need for GPS/IONDS placed it more in the nice to have category vis-a-vis other SAC priorities.

~~(S/NF)~~ In my judgment, GPS/IONDS is a vital program for the SAC and I would ask you to reconsider the priorities based on the facts which follow:



o There is no other possible host satellite for IONDS other than GPS.

o The cost of IONDS is borne in part DoD [redacted] has written and expressed his strong support for this capability as part of our test ban treaty monitoring responsibilities.



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o The survivability of the GPS/IONDS is being addressed [REDACTED]
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o Besides the obvious military and civil navigation and precision timing standard offered by GPS, [REDACTED]
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o Lastly, there are the openly discussed applications of GPS for tactical navigation, guidance of missiles, etc. The enormous benefits to the military and civil sector have been documented in a study I would be glad to furnish you.

(U) Perhaps some of these significant details of GPS/IONDS were not familiar to you. In my judgment, they collectively constitute a powerful case to proceed with urgency with the GPS/IONDS program.

(S) Currently we have sufficient funds programmed in FY 83-87 to achieve an IOC of 1988. The real problem is that the entire program has been zeroed for FY 82 by the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) based on an affordability argument. The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) has the entire request in and thus the program is a major joint conference issue. The SASC may be wavering in their support, and thus we need all the support we can muster.

(U) I trust this information will be of value to you on GPS/IONDS and the urgency with which we view the program.

Sincerely,

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cc: General Lew Allen, Jr.

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