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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Honorable Ken Kramer  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

(U) In your letter of July 25, 1985, you requested that I comment on the Department of Defense's prioritization of its military space programs, specifically the Shuttle Operations and Planning Complex (SOPC).

~~(S)~~ I am sorry for the delay in responding to you, but I wanted to wait until we had finished this summer's review of all Defense programs. As you are aware, we were required to make a number of difficult decisions regarding funding of programs due to fiscal constraints. The Air Force recommended that other programs be given higher priority than the SOPC and, after listening to the advice of the Defense Resources Board, I have tentatively accepted their recommendation to cancel SOPC. This decision will be reviewed in the fall; the final decision on the SOPC will be based on overall Departmental priorities and will be reflected in the FY 87 President's Budget submission.

Sincerely,

Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Chief, RDD, ESD, WHS  
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