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Dear Dr. Greenberg:

In the NASA -DOD Agreement regarding GEOS-3, dated March 27, 1975, NASA agreed, on a best effort basis, to encourage the French Investigator, Dr. Lambeck, to select an alternate site for his study. Specifically, we suggested two areas as alternates--the South Atlantic and the Indian Ocean.

The French Investigation involved doppler and laser tracking and an active French tracking campaign on GEOS-3 in the proposed area, as well as other French oceanographic and geoscience work in the same area; they expressed no interest in moving to an alternate area, since the supporting data that they collected would not be available to support the investigation. To date, they have expended considerable resources in support of their GEOS-3 investigations. As a result, NASA would find it extremely awkward to require the Investigator to change the area of interest.

In view of the above, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that NASA is proceeding toward establishing an International agreement to support the French investigation as proposed and providing, as part of the agreement, GEOS-3 altimeter data in the requested area that conforms with Enclosure 6 of the NASA -DOD Agreement.

Sincerely,

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