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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE /abe
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SUBJECT: Shuttle Operations and Planning Complex Cancellation Impact (U)

The recent decision by the Defense Resources Board to cancel the Shuttle Operations and Planning Complex (SOPC) because of fiscal constraints has placed us in the position of single nodding the planning and control of future shuttle missions and fully relying on NASA's support. I am asking Jim Beggs to provide the operational and programmatic impact to NASA as a result of this decision. Included in his assessment will be an estimate of the resources necessary to accomplish the DoD missions entirely out of Johnson.

(U) The other necessary part of this puzzle - the impact to DoD programs - needs to be addressed by both the Air Force, as the DoD Executive Agent for Space Launch, and your organization. I have asked the Under Secretary of the Air Force to address the impacts to all non-SDI DoD programs. I would appreciate your assessment of any SDI impacts resulting from operating solely at the Johnson Space Center. For purposes of this exercise I am assuming a DoD shuttle flight rate of 10-12 missions per year.

(U) Your response is required by 1 October so that my staff can review your input together with the NASA input prior to the completion of the BES review. My staff officer for this action is [REDACTED]

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