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Honorable Gary Hart
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

(U) Your letter of August 28, 1985 asked that the Department of Defense fund the Shuttle Operations and Planning Complex (SOPC) in the FY 87 budget.

(S) You are, I am sure, aware of the severe funding constraints the Department faces in adjusting to the lower defense topline the President has agreed with the Congress to accept. As a result, we had to reconsider a number of programs. The SOPC is one of many that may not receive funding due to other higher priority needs. This 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,

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