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

Dear Senator Hart:

asked that the Department of Defense
(S) Your letter of August 28, 1985 made reference to the recent deliberations of the Defense Resources Board (DRB) regarding the Shuttle Operations and Planning Complex (SOPC). ~~You stated that the DRB recommended the deletion of the FY 87 funding request for SOPC.~~

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(S) As a result of the severe funding constraints the DRB had to make a number of decisions regarding the funding of programs. The SOPC was one of the many programs that did not receive funding due to other higher priority needs. 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.

~~(U) I appreciate your support of this program and invite any assistance in easing the fiscal pressures that led to these decisions.~~

Sincerely,

You see, I am sure, aware of the severe funding constraints the Department faces in adjusting to the lower defense top line the President has agreed with the Congress to accept.

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