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

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Dear Congressman:

(U) In your letter of June 25, 1985, you requested that I shed some light on an ^{COMM} apparent inconsistency with regard to the Department of Defense 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 the ^{we} Defense Resources Board (DRB) had finished this summer's review of all Defense programs. As you are aware, the Services were required to make a number of difficult decisions regarding funding of programs due to fiscal constraints. The Air Force decided that other programs had higher priority than the SOPC and the DRB accepted their decision to cancel. 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,

recommended

be given

after listening to the advice of the Defense Resource Board I have tentatively

recommendation

SOPC.

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