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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Huntsville, Alabama)

For Immediate Release

June 20, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

Huntsville, Alabama

2:26 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Dick, Admiral Truly, I'm very glad to be here. Let me just say something very personal. I can't tell you how fortunate the country is to have Admiral Truly lead NASA through these very exciting times. I salute him and I'm very grateful to him. (Applause.)

And I'm pleased to be here with the Governor of this state. A man whose unwaivering support for the space program is so well-known. I want to thank Jack Lee, the director of this center and my tour guide today. I'm grateful to him. There is no quiz. If there was I would probably fail because I am mightily impressed with the dedicated NASA workers, men and women young and old, who are doing such a superb job on the cutting edge of science.

I was sorry we were a little late getting started. These arrangements affect everything. Even I couldn't find a parking place. (Laughter.)

Reminds me of my days in college. Everybody would gather around to get cooled off watching me strike out.

But nevertheless I really am pleased to be back in Alabama, back in Huntsville. And I'm very proud of this state, proud of this special facility. The Marshall Space Flight Center is the birthplace of America's first satellite, America's first space station -- and the world's first Moon rocket. And it was here with Saturn Five that humankind began its historic journey to the stars.

Because of these traditions, Huntsville has a special importance to America and indeed to the entire world. And it has a special importance to me, as well. It was to Huntsville that I journeyed in the fall of 1987, to give a campaign -- for me at least -- a first major address on space. And on that October day two and a half years ago I promised to create a National Space Council, chaired by the Vice President. I pledged to underwrite Mission to Planet Earth, to boost space science and to launch a dynamic new program of both manned and unmanned exploration of the Solar System.

And today I'm pleased to return to Marshall to report that we have made good on these promises. And we've done it the old-fashioned way -- done it the American way -- step-by-step, program-by-program, all adding up to the most ambitious and far-reaching effort since Marshall and Apollo took America to the Moon.

The Space Council I proposed is not only up and running, but under the dynamic leadership of our Vice President it's leading the way into the 21st century. Mission to Planet Earth -- a bold and unprecedented initiative to preserve our precious environmental heritage -- has been plucked off the drawing board and placed in the hands of the scientists who will make it happen. And now that the shuttle program has put America back in space, we stand at the dawn of a new era in space science, with wonders like that magnificent Hubble Space Telescope and the fantastic voyage of Galileo to

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Jupiter.

Exactly 11 months ago, I was at the Air and Space Museum in Washington to commemorate a special anniversary for you who work at the Marshall Space Flight Center -- the 20th anniversary of Apollo 11's thunderous journey to the Moon. And standing with Neil Armstrong and dozens of other astronauts, I announced three major space policy objectives: First, to have Space Station Freedom up before the century is out. (Applause) And second, for the new century, a permanent lunar base. And we're going back to the Moon, back to the future -- and this time -- back to stay. (Applause.)

And the third objective was refined last month in Texas, where I went to announce a new Age of Exploration, with not only a goal, but a 30-year timetable. I declared -- permit me to read it again -- before Apollo celebrates the 50th anniversary of its landing on the Moon -- the American flag should be planted on Mars. (Applause.)

Being first in space is not just America's dream -- it is indeed our destiny. And to see this happen, we're matching rhetoric with resources. Our budget proposes \$15.2 billion for NASA -- an increase of nearly 25 percent -- and the largest increase for any major agency of the United States government. (Applause.)

Now for the bad news. Unfortunately, not everyone on Capitol Hill shares this commitment to investing in America's future. And last week, the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Space voted to pull the plug on this historic undertaking, completely gutting the seed money we proposed for the Moon-Mars mission.

But, you know, space used to be a bipartisan effort -- just a plain American effort. And the last time a President visited Marshall, John F. Kennedy compared those who were uncertain about America's leadership in space to those in Queen Isabella's Court who counseled, in effect, "Turn back. Leave the riches and rewards for other nations and braver hearts."

Some say the space program ought to wait -- that we should only go forward once the social problems today are completely solved. But history proves that that attitude is self-defeating. Had Columbus waited until all the problems of his time were solved -- the timbers of the Santa Maria would be rotting on the Spanish coast to this very day. And instead he went forward, he ventured forth -- and his travels brought Spain to the zenith of her stature as a nation.

Many an American schoolkid has read the story of Columbus' doubters, and shook their heads in disbelief that these naysayers could have been so shortsighted.

We must not let the children of the future shake their heads at our behavior. And right now, in the funding wars on Congress, we face a central question -- the question of whether America will continue to be a pioneering nation.

And when John F. Kennedy stood before the Congress in 1961 and spoke about the moon, he spoke to a nation of pioneers. Now some in Congress appear ready to give up on that pioneering spirit -- to turn their sights inward, to concede that America's days as a leader in space have passed.

Well I, for one, am not ready to give up. (Applause.) America has always been, and will always be, a nation of pioneers. I may not be around in the year 2019 -- but all of you guys will and most -- a lot of people out here in this marvelous, young, vigorous work force will. And on that special day 30 years from now, I want you to think back to the commitment that we made here today, as you look at the TV monitors -- maybe right here at Marshall -- and watch the first American plant his feet on Mars. It's going to happen. With your work and our support it is going to happen. (Applause.)

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During the Apollo era, America's space efforts grew at unprecedented rates. The government hired the biggest and the best scientific force in history, and colleges and universities swelled with applicants and graduates in science and engineering. And it produced a golden age of American technology and advancement -- an age that, today, we can recapture and begin anew.

Wernher Von Braun was the giant who, in a sense, put Huntsville on the map. And when someone asked him what it would take to build a rocket to reach the Moon, Von Braun replied simply: "The will to do it."

And so I'm here today at this monument to daring, this monument to imagination that Von Braun built -- and call on the American Congress to step forth with the will that the moment requires.

Don't postpone greatness. History tells us what happens to nations that forget how to dream. The American people want us in space. So let us continue the dream -- for our students, for ourselves, and for all humankind.

Thank you for your dedicated work to this great country of ours. God bless the United States of America. Thank you for this warm, warm welcome. Thank you very much. (Applause.) Thank you.

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2:37 P.M. CDT

MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER / HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990 / 2:00 P.M.

THANK YOU, DICK [TRULY]. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW LUCKY WE ARE HAVING THIS MAN LEAD NASA THROUGH THESE EXCITING TIMES. AND I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH GOVERNOR GUY HUNT, WHO IS DOING SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB FOR THE GREAT STATE OF ALABAMA. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK JACK LEE, THE DIRECTOR OF THIS CENTER AND MY TOUR GUIDE TODAY. VERY EDUCATIONAL, BELIEVE ME.

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(SORRY WE WERE A LITTLE LATE GETTING STARTED. BUT YOU KNOW HOW THESE ARRANGEMENTS AFFECT EVERYTHING. TODAY EVEN I COULDN'T FIND A PARKING PLACE.) \\\

(WHENEVER I'M IN WEATHER THIS HOT IT REMINDS ME OF MY BASEBALL DAYS IN COLLEGE. THE PLAYERS USED TO GATHER AROUND HOME PLATE SO THEY COULD FEEL THE BREEZE AS I STRUCK OUT!) \\\

BUT IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN ALABAMA, AND GREAT TO BE BACK IN HUNTSVILLE. I'M VERY PROUD OF THIS STATE, AND THIS FACILITY. THE MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICA'S FIRST SATELLITE, AMERICA'S FIRST SPACE STATION -- AND THE WORLD'S FIRST MOON ROCKET. IT WAS HERE, WITH THE SATURN FIVE, THAT HUMANKIND BEGAN ITS HISTORIC JOURNEY TO THE STARS. \\\

BECAUSE OF THESE TRADITIONS, HUNTSVILLE HAS A SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO AMERICA AND TO THE WORLD.

AND IT HAS A SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO ME, AS WELL. IT WAS TO HUNTSVILLE THAT I JOURNEYED IN THE FALL OF 1987, TO GIVE THE CAMPAIGN'S FIRST MAJOR ADDRESS ON SPACE.

ON THAT OCTOBER DAY, TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO, I PROMISED TO CREATE A NATIONAL SPACE COUNCIL, CHAIRED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT. I PLEDGED TO UNDERWRITE MISSION TO PLANET EARTH, TO BOOST SPACE SCIENCE, AND TO LAUNCH A DYNAMIC NEW PROGRAM OF BOTH MANNED AND UNMANNED EXPLORATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

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AND TODAY I'M PLEASED TO RETURN TO MARSHALL TO REPORT THAT MY ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE GOOD THESE PROMISES. AND WE'VE DONE IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY -- THE AMERICAN WAY -- STEP-BY-STEP, PROGRAM-BY-PROGRAM, ALL ADDING UP TO THE MOST AMBITIOUS AND FAR-REACHING EFFORT SINCE MARSHALL AND APOLLO TOOK AMERICA TO THE MOON. \\\

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THE SPACE COUNCIL I PROPOSED IS NOT ONLY UP AND RUNNING, BUT -- UNDER THE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP OF AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING VICE PRESIDENT -- LEADING THE WAY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. MISSION TO PLANET EARTH -- A BOLD AND UNPRECEDENTED INITIATIVE TO PRESERVE OUR PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE -- HAS BEEN PLUCKED OFF THE DRAWING BOARD AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE SCIENTISTS WHO WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN.

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AND NOW THAT THE SHUTTLE PROGRAM HAS PUT AMERICA BACK IN SPACE, WE STAND AT THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA IN SPACE SCIENCE, WITH WONDERS LIKE THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE, AND THE FANTASTIC VOYAGE OF GALILEO TO JUPITER.

EXACTLY 11 MONTHS AGO, I STOOD BEFORE THE AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON TO COMMEMORATE A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY FOR YOU WHO WORK AT THE MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER -- THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11'S THUNDEROUS JOURNEY TO THE MOON.

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AND STANDING WITH NEIL ARMSTRONG AND DOZENS OF OTHER ASTRONAUTS, I ANNOUNCED THREE MAJOR SPACE POLICY OBJECTIVES: FIRST, TO HAVE SPACE STATION FREEDOM UP BEFORE THE CENTURY IS OUT. SECOND, FOR THE NEW CENTURY, A PERMANENT LUNAR BASE. WE'RE GOING "BACK TO THE MOON, BACK TO THE FUTURE -- AND THIS TIME -- BACK TO STAY."

THE THIRD OBJECTIVE WAS REFINED LAST MONTH IN TEXAS, WHERE I WENT TO ANNOUNCE A NEW AGE OF EXPLORATION, WITH NOT ONLY A GOAL, BUT A 30-YEAR TIMETABLE. I DECLARED THAT: "BEFORE APOLLO CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS LANDING ON THE MOON -- THE AMERICAN FLAG SHOULD BE PLANTED ON MARS." \\\

BEING FIRST IN SPACE IS NOT JUST AMERICA'S DREAM -- IT IS AMERICA'S DESTINY. AND TO SEE THIS HAPPEN, WE'VE MATCHED RHETORIC WITH RESOURCES.

OUR BUDGET PROPOSES \$15.2 BILLION FOR NASA -- AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 25 PERCENT -- AND THE LARGEST INCREASE FOR ANY MAJOR AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYONE ON CAPITOL HILL SHARES THIS COMMITMENT TO INVESTING IN AMERICA'S FUTURE. LAST WEEK, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SPACE VOTED TO PULL THE PLUG ON THIS HISTORIC UNDERTAKING, COMPLETELY GUTTING THE SEED MONEY WE PROPOSED FOR THE MOON/MARS MISSION.

BUT YOU KNOW, SPACE USED TO BE A BI-PARTISAN EFFORT -- AN AMERICAN EFFORT. THE LAST TIME A PRESIDENT VISITED MARSHALL, JOHN F. KENNEDY COMPARED THOSE WHO WERE UNCERTAIN ABOUT AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP IN SPACE TO THOSE IN QUEEN ISABELLA'S COURT WHO COUNSELED, IN EFFECT, "TURN BACK! LEAVE THE RICHES AND REWARDS FOR OTHER NATIONS AND BRAVER HEARTS!"

SOME SAY THE SPACE PROGRAM SHOULD WAIT -- THAT WE SHOULD ONLY GO FORWARD ONCE THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF TODAY ARE COMPLETELY SOLVED.

BUT HISTORY PROVES THAT ATTITUDE IS SELF-DEFEATING. HAD COLUMBUS WAITED UNTIL ALL THE PROBLEMS OF HIS TIME WERE SOLVED -- THE TIMBERS OF THE SANTA MARIA WOULD BE ROTTING ON THE SPANISH COAST TO THIS DAY. INSTEAD HE VENTURED FORTH -- AND HIS TRAVELS BROUGHT SPAIN TO THE ZENITH OF HER STATURE AS A NATION. \\\

MANY AN AMERICAN SCHOOLKID HAS READ THE STORY OF COLUMBUS'S DOUBTERS, AND SHOOK THEIR HEADS IN DISBELIEF THAT THESE NAYSAYERS COULD HAVE BEEN SO SHORT-SIGHTED.

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MY FRIENDS, WE MUST NOT LET THE CHILDREN OF THE FUTURE SHAKE THEIR HEADS AT OUR BEHAVIOR. RIGHT NOW, IN THE FUNDING WARS IN CONGRESS, WE FACE A CENTRAL QUESTION -- THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PIONEERING NATION.

WHEN JOHN F. KENNEDY STOOD BEFORE THE CONGRESS IN 1961 AND SPOKE ABOUT THE MOON, HE SPOKE TO A NATION OF PIONEERS.

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NOW SOME IN CONGRESS APPEAR READY TO GIVE UP ON THAT PIONEERING SPIRIT -- TO TURN THEIR SIGHTS INWARD, TO CONCEDE THAT AMERICA'S DAYS AS A LEADER IN SPACE HAVE PASSED.

I, FOR ONE, AM NOT READY TO GIVE UP. AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND WILL ALWAYS BE, A NATION OF PIONEERS. I MAY NOT BE HERE IN 2019 -- BUT SOME OF YOU YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WILL BE.

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AND ON THAT SPECIAL DAY 30 YEARS FROM NOW, I WANT YOU TO THINK BACK TO THE COMMITMENT WE MADE HERE TODAY, AS YOU LOOK AT THE T.V. MONITORS -- MAYBE RIGHT HERE AT MARSHALL SPACE CENTER -- AND WATCH THE FIRST AMERICAN PLANT HIS FEET ON MARS.

DURING THE APOLLO ERA, AMERICA'S SPACE EFFORTS GREW AT UNPRECEDENTED RATES, THE GOVERNMENT HIRED THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST SCIENTIFIC FORCE IN HISTORY, AND COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SWELLED WITH APPLICANTS AND GRADUATES IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.

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IT PRODUCED A GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT -- AN AGE THAT, TODAY, WE CAN RECAPTURE AND BEGIN ANEW.

WERNHER VON BRAUN WAS THE GIANT WHO PUT HUNTSVILLE ON THE MAP. WHEN SOMEONE ASKED HIM WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BUILD A ROCKET TO REACH THE MOON, VON BRAUN REPLIED SIMPLY: "THE WILL TO DO IT." \\\

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AND SO I STAND TODAY AT THIS MONUMENT TO DARING AND IMAGINATION THAT VON BRAUN BUILT -- AND CALL ON THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO STEP FORWARD WITH THE WILL THAT THE MOMENT REQUIRES.

DON'T POSTPONE GREATNESS. HISTORY TELLS US WHAT HAPPENS TO NATIONS THAT FORGET HOW TO DREAM. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT US IN SPACE. SO LET US CONTINUE THE DREAM -- FOR OUR STUDENTS, FOR OURSELVES, AND FOR ALL HUMANKIND. \\\

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THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

90 JUN 15 P4:27

DATE: June 15, 1990 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 1:00 pm, Monday, June 18

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Marshall Space Flight Center

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide your comments directly to Chriss Winston with a copy to my office by 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 1990.

**RESPONSE:**

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

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McNally/Simon  
June 15, 1990  
Draft Two (B:MARSHALL)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990, 1:45 P.M.

Thank you, Jack ~~[[LEE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER]]~~. And I'm pleased to be here with Governor Guy Hunt, who is doing such an outstanding job for the great State of Alabama.

[[ADD'L ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: KEY "SPACE" CONGRESSMEN, ETC.]]

(Sorry we were a little late getting started. But you know how these arrangements affect everything. [[EVENT IS IN THEIR PARKING LOT]] **Today even I couldn't find a parking place.**) \\\

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I pledged to underwrite Mission to Planet Earth, to boost space science, and to launch a dynamic new program of both manned and unmanned exploration of the Solar System.

And today I'm pleased to return to Marshall to report that my Administration has made good these promises. **And we've done it the old-fashioned way -- the American way -- step-by-step, program-by-program, all adding up to the most ambitious and far-reaching effort since Marshall and Apollo took America to the Moon. \\\**

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER  
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *w*  
FROM:               EDWARD E. McNALLY *EM1*  
SUBJECT:           REMARKS FOR MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

I.    SUMMARY

Attached are draft remarks for Wednesday's speech at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

II.   DISCUSSION

On Wednesday afternoon, June 20, you will tour Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville and give remarks outdoors to several thousand NASA employees.

This draft (8 minutes, on cards) is a summary of your Administration's space initiatives, many of which stem from a space policy speech you gave at Marshall on October 29, 1987. There is also a strongly-worded appeal to Congress to restore funds for the Moon/Mars initiative that were eliminated by the House Appropriations subcommittee last week.



McNally/Simon  
June 18, 1990  
Draft Three (B:MARSHALL)

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990, 2:00 P.M.

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FROM: AUSTEN FURSE *AF*

SUBJECT: Marshall Space Flight Center Draft Speech

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

90 JUN 18 P1:08



DATE: June 15, 1990 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 1:00 pm, Monday, June 18

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Marshall Space Flight Center

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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments directly to Chriss Winston with a copy to my office by 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 1990.

RESPONSE:

*See Comments. Thanks.  
Holly Williamson  
6-18-90*

**James W. Cicconi**  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

McNally/Simon  
June 15, 1990  
Draft Two (B:MARSHALL)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990, 1:45 P.M.

Thank you, Jack [[LEE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER]]. And I'm  
pleased to be here with Governor Guy Hunt, who is doing such an  
outstanding job for the great State of Alabama. *✓*  
*and Admiral Truly*  
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[[ADD'L ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: KEY "SPACE" CONGRESSMEN, ETC.]] *agency.*

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6/18

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**FROM:** **JAMES W. CICONI**  
Assistant to the President and  
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Please forward your comments on  
the material on pp. 3-4 to Chriss  
Winston ASAP, with a copy to this  
office.

Thanks.

*per Ed -  
looks good  
to me -  
6/18 bpm*

THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 18, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
FROM:               EDWARD E. McNALLY *EM*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS FOR MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

I.    SUMMARY

Attached are draft remarks for Wednesday's speech at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

II.   DISCUSSION

On Wednesday afternoon, June 20, you will tour Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville and give remarks outdoors to several thousand NASA employees.

This draft (8 minutes, on cards) is a summary of your Administration's space initiatives, many of which stem from a space policy speech you gave at Marshall on October 29, 1987. There is also a strongly-worded appeal to Congress to restore funds for the Moon/Mars initiative that were eliminated by the House Appropriations subcommittee last week.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Please note in particular the criticism of those in Congress who voted to gut the Moon/Mars Initiative (pp. 3-4). This, coupled with you saying, in effect, that they've turned their backs on the Kennedy space legacy, will get press attention we feel.

JC

McNally/Simon  
June 18, 1990  
Draft Three (B:MARSHALL)

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HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990, 2:00 P.M.

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My friends, we must not let the children of the future shake their heads at our behavior. Right now, in the funding wars in Congress, we face a central question -- the question of whether America will continue to be a pioneering nation.

When John F. Kennedy stood before the Congress in 1961 and spoke about the moon, he spoke to a nation of pioneers. Now some in Kennedy's own party appear ready to give up on that pioneering spirit -- to turn their sights inward, to concede that America's days as a leader in space have passed.

I, for one, am not ready to give up. America has always been, and will always be, a nation of pioneers. I may not be here in 2019 -- but some of you young people in the audience will be. And on that special day 30 years from now, I want you to think back to the commitment we made here today, as you look at the T.V. monitors -- maybe right here at Marshall Space Center -- and watch the first American plant his feet on Mars.

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OPENING STATEMENT: PRESS CONFERENCE \ HUNTSVILLE AL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1990 \ 11:00 A.M.

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AND WE'RE HERE IN HUNTSVILLE TO ENSURE THAT THIS QUEST  
DOESN'T GRIND TO A HALT NEXT MONTH WHEN IT REACHES THE  
FLOOR OF THE HOUSE.

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WE'RE BACK IN HUNTSVILLE TO HONOR A PROMISE -- MADE  
HERE AS A CANDIDATE -- AND MADE REPEATEDLY AS  
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MY ADMINISTRATION'S OPPONENTS HAVE ARGUED THAT OUR  
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WASHINGTON

THE WHITE HOUSE

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IT WAS THE LEADERSHIP OF JFK THAT BROUGHT US TO ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST MOMENTS AS A NATION -- JULY 20, 1969 -- THE DAY AMERICANS FIRST STEPPED FOOT ON THE MOON. BUT LAST WEEK, WHEN THE HOUSE MAJORITY ABANDONED THE MOON/MARS MISSION, THEY ABANDONED THE LEGACY OF JFK. \\\

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AND THAT IS WHY I URGE THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO RESTORE THIS VITAL SEED MONEY TO THE MOON/MARS MISSION.

THANK YOU. AND NOW, I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

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