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NASA'S FY 1995 BUDGET TALKING POINTS

The Fiscal Year 1995 budget of \$14.3 billion in budget authority and \$14.46 billion in outlays conveys the President's commitment to a strong and vital aeronautics and civil space program.

At the same time, it reflects today's very real fiscal constraints. Compared to our Fiscal Year 1994 appropriation of \$14.55 billion, this budget is \$250 million below that level -- almost \$650 million below it in buying power.

NASA still has a **balanced space and aeronautics program** for Fiscal Year 1995. The NASA science programs went up from \$3.3 billion --22.4% of NASA's budget -- in FY 1994, to \$3.5 billion -- 24.3% of our budget -- in FY 1995. NASA has cut back on human space flight, NASA increased the science budget and the technology budget.

NASA is maintaining key initiatives in aeronautics and space. NASA did not cancel any major programs. The FY 1995 budget still provides for:

- * a safe and viable Space Shuttle program,
- * the continued utilization of the refurbished Hubble Space Telescope,
- * the Earth Observing System,
- * the Cassini mission to Saturn,
- * the Advanced X-Ray Astrophysics Facility (AXAF-I),
- * and the international Space Station

The budget also provides for two vital programs to our nation's competitiveness in aeronautics, the **High Speed Civil Transport** and **Advanced Subsonic Transport programs**.

NASA will have **unresolved issues** in the out years -- specifically, in the areas of Space Science new starts; high reliability, low-cost access to space; and wind tunnels.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ABC News on Monday included NASA as an example of "non-cuts" that are paraded as "cuts" by the Administration. Of the \$250 million cut in NASA's budget \$170 million is for the Advance Solid Rocket Motor (ASRM) which was cut by Congress this past fall. I believe that this also showed up in some print stories.