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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

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SUBJECT: President's Decision Meeting on Space Station

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has seen

Yesterday Rose Gottemoeller and I represented the NSC at the decision meeting on the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) and Space Station. The memo primarily documents the space station decision.

The President's decisions generally followed the recommendations as set forth in the draft decision memoranda (Tab A). There were, however, some shifts in emphasis on the space station as highlighted below.

Based upon the recommendations of the principals in this meeting (particularly the Vice President, Dr. Gibbons, Mr. Panetta and Dr. Goldin), the Vest Panel report, and consultations with the international partners and key members of Congress, the President decided:

1) To select a "modular, Freedom-derived design" (this supports Option A with the flexibility to add some elements of Option B as further study/consultation may dictate). It was decided not to portray the decision as simply "Option A or B."

2) To include flexibility for the international partners and stress future Russian partnership. Such partnership would include the higher inclination orbit as well as use of the Proton launch vehicle for transportation and the Soyuz Capsule for assured crew rescue. Caution was expressed about Russian participation until proliferation issues are satisfactorily resolved.

3) To increase space station funding to approximately \$2.0 billion/year (increased from \$1.8 billion; this may require a corresponding reduction in the \$500 million technology package).

4) To stress need for Congressional support of NASA management changes (Vest panel concluded if NASA is not streamlined and given more management flexibility, it may not be possible to build any station).

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The President stressed the historic nature of this decision and the technological and geopolitical consequences of not maintaining U.S. leadership in these areas. He emphasized that if the SCC or Space Station were cut, there would be a net loss to science and technology investment. That is, the savings would not be reinvested in other S&T, but would go elsewhere.

Next steps are for OSTP to draft final decision language. The SCC and space station decision will probably be announced together with an emphasis on the Administration's commitment to support basic sciences and international cooperation in S&T.

Concurrence by: Rose <sup>RG</sup>Gottemoeller

Attachments

Tab A Draft Decision Memoranda  
Tab B NSC #4318 on Space Station

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