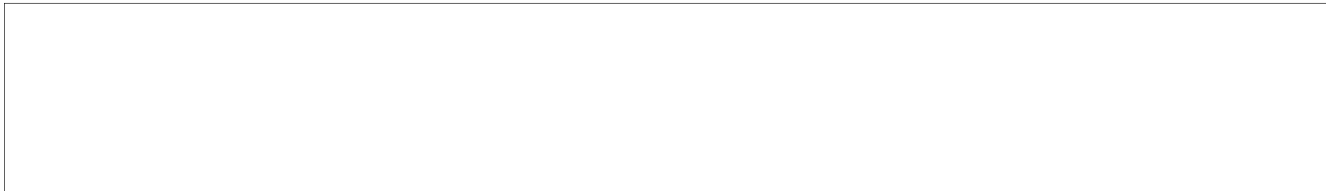


Potential Issue #2: Procurement of Fourth Orbiter

° Postponing the procurement of a fourth orbiter in favor of developing an STS follow-on system would mandate reliance on an orbiter fleet with little or no backup for 7 - 10 years



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° Position: A fourth orbiter is in the best interests of national security even though it would be based on dated technology

Potential Issue #3: Delay in Vandenberg Shuttle Launch Complex Operational Capability

- ° Discussion of Vandenberg not included in draft NSDD
- ° NASA may want to introduce wording in NSDD to require VAFB capability
- ° NASA view is that any decision to delay VAFB can be read as reducing national security commitment to shuttle program and undermines fourth orbiter procurement
- ° Position: Should resist as not required in the policy document
 - Specific wording reduces future flexibility
 - Current Vandenberg mothball proposal maximizes operational capability at Kennedy in the near term
 - Vandenberg could be reactivated when new fourth orbiter becomes operational and in time to support national security launch (October 1991)

Potential Issue #4: Supplemental Funding Approaches

° Overlaying the entire discussion is how to pay for the supplemental to recover from Challenger accident



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- OMB position is that DOD and NASA should identify offsets to fund
 - OMB alleges that NASA has identified offsets
 - Messrs. Weinberger/Taft strongly resist coming up with offsets
- Position: Support DOD in this area as offset drill may require sources from NFIP

Potential Issue #5: Whether the Draft NSDD Should "Supercede" or "Update" NSDD 164 - National Security Launch Strategy

- NSDD 164, dated 25 February 1985, outlines in very specific terms shuttle launch rates (24/year), DOD share of launches (at least one-third of available STS flights) and pricing policy
- NASA favors using "updates" wording to keep basic tenets of this policy in tact
- DOD believes this document should supercede the certain paragraphs dealing with the above specifics
- NSDD 164 was the source for press allegations that the White House put pressure on NASA to maintain artificial flight rate ("24/year")
- Flight rates and pricing policy will undoubtedly change as a result of Challenger aftermath and TITAN accidents
- Position: If raised, support DOD in inserting "supercedes paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of NSDD 164" vice "updates . . ." as this will preserve your flexibility for operational requirements and cost-effective launch options