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SUBJECT: Commercial Space Launch Act Amendments of 1987,
H.R. 3765

REFERENCE: OCA memo 88-1158, Same Subject, dtd 13 Apr 88,
(attached)

1. We have reviewed H.R. 3765 [redacted]

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[redacted] Our focus was primarily on the possible impact of commercial access to US launch vehicles and facilities on national foreign intelligence space launches. In this regard, the language of H.R. 3765, Section 6, para 5A, lines 5 and 6 calls for no preemption of commercial satellite launches by government launches ". . . except in cases of imperative national need." This appears a little strong unless it is accepted that most if not all government launches qualify as "imperative." [redacted]

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2. We do not have the original bill of 1987. That bill may have provided for "reimbursement" for the commercial use of government facilities. Section 5 of the current amendment, however, states that, "The United States shall not require payment for the provision of launch property and launch services in connection with the launch of an eligible satellite."

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