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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
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 AGENCY
 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
 SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Cape York (U)

The long-term goal of U.S. commercial space launch policy is free and fair trade. We must also balance our efforts to achieve this goal with other important considerations: preventing ballistic missile proliferation, upholding our technology transfer policy objectives, and dealing with non-market economies which provide commercial launch services. (U)

Consistent with these policy considerations, the U.S. will grant a license to United Space Boosters Inc. for participation in the planning phase of the Cape York space launch project once the following conditions have been met:

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- (1) The Soviet Union will agree to provide launch services (i.e. boosters, launch equipment, technology or training) in the international commercial market only from Cape York, Australia (or alternatively any other single location agreed upon by the two governments) for a period of ten years after the date of the first launch of a Soviet-manufactured launch vehicle from said location;
- (2) The USSR and Australia will observe the Guidelines and Annex of the Missile Technology Control Regime; and
- (3) U.S. regulations regarding technology transfer to the Soviet Union must be upheld. (C)

Further participation will be approved provided these conditions continue to be observed and we have negotiated agreements with the European Space Agency and Australia ensuring free and fair trade in the international commercial space launch market. (C)

To enforce compliance with these conditions, I will continue to hold open an array of options, including enforcement provisions negotiated in the agreements on free and fair trade in the international commercial space launch market, trade sanctions, and licensing authority under the Arms Export Control Act. (C)

