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*Dear Bernard***NAVAL AIRSHIP PROGRAM**

We have managed to sustain our naval shipping programme since I last wrote to you because we have received several periods of 30 day funding and all of the technical milestones we have had to reach have been successfully accomplished.

We have had to fight hard to maintain this funding and we have received tremendous support from our Embassy in Washington, MoD in the UK and our numerous political friends.

We thought a reprieve had been won when the project looked about to be transferred to the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) but we have now been notified that all temporary funding has ceased. We cannot carry the current spend rate and as a result we shall be announcing substantial redundancies of technical people very shortly.

I know that you have pulled a number of strings behind the scene and we have to hope that when this Program is finally reinstated, which it surely must be, to give the US Navy cover against hypersonic sea-skimming missiles, that we will beat off the American competition once again.

*Kind regards,**M R Hoffman*

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