

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/12/95 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE TEACHER IN SPACE
PROGRAM (LETTER FROM DANIEL S. GOLDIN, ADMIN, NASA)

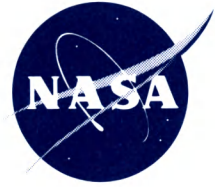
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REMARKS: we need to discuss ASAP

RESPONSE: _____

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Office of the Administrator
Washington, DC 20546-0001



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Mr. John Podesta
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear John:

I attach a letter to the President from NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin which makes recommendations concerning the status of the Teacher in Space Program and the proposed flight of Ms. Barbara Morgan, an Idaho science teacher.

In concurring with the recommendations of a review group convened to advise him on the issue, the Administrator recommends that the President approve selection of Mission Specialist candidates with science and mathematics teaching backgrounds for training as members of the Astronaut Corps to support the education mission of NASA. Ms. Morgan is recommended to serve as the first such Mission Specialist. The review has also served to reaffirm our policy of only flying mission-critical personnel and has validated our earlier decision to cancel the Space Flight Participant Program.

We have discussed Mr. Goldin's recommendations with Greg Simon of the Vice President's staff. Greg feels strongly that in light of the intense media interest that would attend a decision to fly Ms. Morgan as a Mission Specialist, this issue should be the subject of a Presidential Decision Memorandum.

As you can imagine, this issue has a long history. Should you or your staff desire additional information or a briefing, please call me at 202-358-1827.

We also ask that the White House Press Office designate a staff contact to coordinate media arrangements with NASA's Public Affairs Office at least two weeks prior to an announcement of a decision approving Mr. Goldin's recommendation.

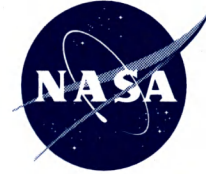
Thanks in advance. Hope you're doing well otherwise.

Best regards,

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Christopher J. Dunn
Senior White House Liaison

Enclosure



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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As I have previously communicated to you, I have been carefully reviewing our Shuttle flight policy relative to the proposed flight of Ms. Barbara Morgan. I assigned a group of senior Agency personnel to conduct a review and to make a recommendation to me. The diverse review group was comprised of individuals capable of representing the wide range of considerations and potential issues associated with the decision.

The review group has reported to me. Fundamental to their recommendation was a unanimous agreement that education is a NASA mission. They concluded that Space Shuttle activities in support of our educational mission are consistent with NASA policy to allow only mission-critical personnel to participate in Space Shuttle flights. The group recommended that such activities be established as a continuing element of our overall program. In addition to meeting the stringent astronaut selection requirements, Mission Specialists with education and teaching backgrounds in science and mathematics will be selected and trained into the astronaut corps. These Mission Specialists would carry out on-orbit educational programs in addition to their assigned flight duties. The group recommended that Barbara Morgan serve as the first such Mission Specialist. Our review has also served to reaffirm our policy of only flying mission-critical personnel and has validated our earlier decision to cancel the Space Flight Participant Program.

I accept and support these recommendations and submit them as my recommendations to you. I believe that this initiative supports your commitment to strengthening America's educational programs and will play a role in attaining our national goals to improve science, engineering, and mathematics education.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Goldin", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel S. Goldin
Administrator