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Reply to Attn of: Exploration Systems Mission Directorate

The Honorable Daniel O. Hill
Acting Under Secretary for Industry and Security
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Hill:

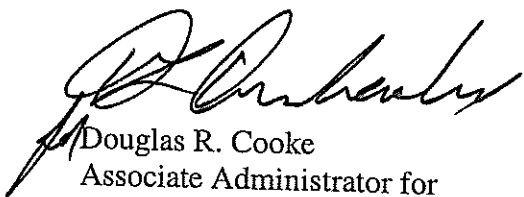
I am writing to request the participation and support of the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation, in the initiation of an industrial base assessment of the NASA supply chain, with a specific focus on the impact of the Space Shuttle Program retirement on NASA suppliers.

For the purpose of conducting this industrial base assessment, NASA is prepared to enter into a project Memorandum of Understanding with the BIS. In addition, NASA will provide the necessary funding and technical support needed to develop the requested BIS industry survey and assessment.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Michael Galluzzi, NASA ESMD Supply Chain Manager at 321-867-4796 or michael.c.galluzzi@nasa.gov.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with BIS on this important project.

Sincerely,


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