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SUBJECT: COSTS OF LIKTANUR OPERATION

OUR MOST CURRENT LIKTANUR SCHEDULE FOR FY-78 SHOWS A TOTAL OF
246 DAYS AT SEA. TOTAL OPERATING COSTS FOR THE YEAR ARE ESTIMATED
AT \$470K. IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO DISTRIBUTE THE YEAR'S COSTS
AT THE RATE OF \$1.9 (470/246)K PER OPERATING DAY. IN THE CASE OF
SHARED TRIPS IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO DISTRIBUTE THE COSTS EQUALLY
BETWEEN OR AMONG THE PARTICIPATING PROJECTS.

DISTRIBUTED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, FY-78 ESTIMATED COSTS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

DOES 65K
(GREENHOUSE - 64.6)

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DBER - MEDICAL	126K	<i>66 days</i>
(CONARD - 125.4)		
DBER - ENVIRONMENTAL	278K	
(ROBISON - 108.3)		
(BUDDEMEIER - 51.3)		
(SMITH - 51.3)		
(SCHELL - 15.2)		
(NOSHKIN - 51.3)		

I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE LIKTANUR SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DUE TO WEATER, UNANTICIPATED MAINTENANCE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO CHANGING PROGRAM NEEDS. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED MIX IS PROBABLY REPRESENTATIVE. PLEASE NOTE ALSO THAT THE \$1.9K/DAY OPERATING COSTS IS VALID ONLY AT THE CURRENT HIGH LEVEL OF UTILIZATION (67 PCT). REDUCING EITHER THE NUMBER OR DURATION OF MISSIONS WOULD CAUSE THE FIXED COSTS OF PERHAPS \$200K PER YEAR TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT A HIGHER RATE, WITH A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN PER DAY CHARGES. FINALLY, MAY I URGE THAT WE BE GIVEN EARLY ASSURANCE THAT THE BALANCE OF FUNDING FOR LIKTANUR (AT THE \$470K LEVEL) WILL BE FORTHCOMING. ANY SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER NUMBER WOULD CAUSE MAJOR

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REVIEW OF AN ALREADY STRAINED FY-78 SCHEDULE. END

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