National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Langley Research Center  
Langley Field, Virginia  

Attention: Mr. Floyd L. Thompson  

Dear Mr. Thompson:  

Launching of Scout 4 completes the first phase of the Scout development program which has been entirely under the technical and managerial direction of your Center. Seldom are new vehicles demonstrated as successfully as Scout in only four tests. Considering that three of these four launchings have been successful and that no failures at all have occurred in the guidance and control system, the Scout design philosophy as established by Langley has been proved conclusively. This performance has again demonstrated the high degree of technical proficiency for which your Center is noted. The attached copy of a message from the Chief of Naval Operations is evidence that others have a similar regard for Langley's abilities.

The professional conduct of your people assigned to the Scout program has resulted in a major vehicle development being prosecuted in a timely, economical and highly successful manner. Please accept my personal congratulations for each of them on their outstanding performance. They have set a very high standard for the others who follow to emulate.

Sincerely yours,

Don R. Ostrander  
Major General, USAF  
Director, Launch Vehicle Programs  

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