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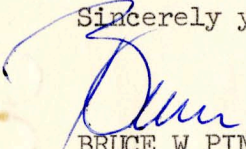
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Dear Jim:

I am sorry to have to tell you that the North American-Spacelabs team bid won the blood pressure sensor competition.

There were a few technical areas in the Martin proposal that we felt were not quite as strong as the NAA approach and these formed the basis for their preferment. In all other areas your bid was competitive with NAA and greatly superior to the other bidders. Believe me, Jim, it was an excellent proposal and lost out by the narrowest of margins. Your people (particularly Harry Gorman) should be commended and encouraged to continue their efforts in this technical area.

Sincerely yours,


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