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President George W. Bush
The White House
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Re: A National Policy in Response to The Risk of Asteroid Impact

President Bush: Sir,

In its full scope, the prospect of asteroid impact and mankind's defense of the planet in response is clearly an International issue. As such, in terms of creating a national policy, that would make our national response to this threat the exclusive province of the Executive Office. But there is more... Sooner or later the day will come when the President of the United States, as leader of the most capable nation on Earth, will need to be the most qualified man on the planet to save the world and mankind from extinction by large asteroid impact. Then, the very best We The Species has to offer will be required. Not necessarily all together in the man himself, but at his disposal and exemplified in the talent and human resources that have been dedicated and maintained for this purpose.

History is desperate to know who will take the lead here, who will take the first step in building an effective planetary defense authority. This is a National Security issue. This is not about Science. We need a national policy determination declaring that we do have the collective social will manifest in our government to in fact actually respond to this threat. Only then will can we define and develop what will be essential to the conduct of implementing a successful response. Towards that end I would offer that your office create a small ad hoc Executive Strategic Study Group: a soldier a scientist and a statesman, to look at this issue from a national security perspective: Let's take that "First Step".

At your disposal and convenience in this issue,

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Prime Minister Tony Blair
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Prime Minister Blair: Sir,

Sooner or later the world will need to bring together its best resources and put forth its best effort in order to deflect "The Next Large Asteroid on its way to strike Earth". The consequence of failure here could well be the extinction of mankind... or at least extinction of life-as-we-know-it on Earth.

The sooner we begin preparing for this eventuality the better chance we will have for success. Yet as things stand today we do not have so much as a stated policy to even respond to this threat let alone any form of governmental authority to implement it... any where in the world. Also, as things stand, it would be obvious that only the United States could serve in any leadership role for such an effort.

Please consider lending your influence and advice to initiating an effort that will look at this issue from a strategic perspective: determining what is essential to the conduct of implementing a successful response. Which, as a matter of fact, if it is to have any effective credibility, must begin first as a national policy proceeding from the Executive Office of the United States. The world will follow...

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Hon. Dana Rohrabacher
US House of Representatives
2338 Rayburn House Office Building
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Representative Rohrabacher: Sir,

Once astronomers determined they could make a preliminary case for the threat of asteroid impact and request funding to further their scientific research they brought this business to Congress. They brought it to Congress for the same reason Willie Sutton robbed banks: "because that's where the money is". There was little or no consideration for policy determinations or delegation of authority to implement a response. Their job is science: looking at the stars. It's your job is to see to policies and authorities...

I'm sure you are aware of the nascent initiative by the Association of Space Explorers to bring this issue to the attention of the UN in 2009. Curious timing... Would you really want the United Nations to be taking the lead or even setting the tone for defending the planet? Isn't taking the lead and setting the tone something that the United States is supposed to do?

Responding to the threat of asteroid impact is an issue that is both International in scope and a National Security issue. Constitutionally, isn't it past time to get this problem up to the Oval Office where it belongs? All we need at this point is an Executive Strategic Study: a soldier a scientist and a statesman, that will look at this business from a security perspective. We need a national policy mandate that will afford us a basis for determining what is essential to the conduct of implementing a successful response to this perpetual threat. Or would you rather wait until 2009 and take your chances with a new POTUS?

For the tail wagging the dog the Spaceguard Survey and Brown were both fine efforts on your part. Yet taken together and all things considered strategically speaking, they amount to little more than a very small drop in a very large bucket. The tail can only ever wag the dog so far. Time to take it to The Dog!

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Administrator Michael Griffin
NASA Headquarters
Washington, DC 20546

Re: A National Policy in Response to The Risk of Asteroid Impact

Administrator Griffin: Sir,

Today, hands down. NASA may be The Greatest Show on Earth. But nothing more. Tomorrow, it may be the tool mankind uses to save itself from Extinction by NEO... but to go there, to be that, first we need the vehicle of a national policy and mandate to defend the planet from asteroid impact.

In your speech to the World Economic Forum you seemed to be setting the ground work for moving NASA from its historical posture as a Strategic Resource to that of a Strategic Agency. You should be aware that the principal resistance to any serious effort in response to the threat of asteroid impact is presently in the flawed claims of the Spaceguard Survey that by 2008 their efforts will somehow have reduced the risk by 90%. The enclosure "Cosmic Promise" addresses this notion as absurd.

Further, it should be clear that the budget of NASA alone will never rise to the level of something that will defend the planet from anything but the most minor impact events. The cooperation, resources and strategic security-minded leadership of DoD will be required for anything more dire than an Apophis. The enclosure "To Whom This Should Concern" offers preliminary arguments for a hybrid National Planetary Defense Authority that could serve as a model and provide leadership for an global effort that has some chance of deflecting The Next Large Asteroid on its way to strike Earth.

This is not about Man in Space but rather the Security of Mankind. Help put this issue on the desk of the President and on a rational track with a recommendation for the co responsibility and involvement of DoD at the level of strategic Command and Control. For you, this opportunity may not last much more than two more years.

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Vice President Richard Cheney
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Vice President Cheney: Sir,

The Next Large Asteroid on its way to strike Earth is a rationally manifest existential threat. We just do not know which asteroid it is and therefore, when it will get here. We can start preparing to respond to what may well be an extinction level event either before we see it coming or after. *After* simply may not afford us enough time. *Before... begins Now!* And as things stand we do not even have a national policy that we will actually respond to this threat... at all! Without a national policy and mandate to defend the planet from asteroid impact how can we possibly define what is essential to the conduct of implementing a successful response? How can we even begin to think strategically here?

Please consider lending your advice to the President to form a small Executive Strategic Study Group: a soldier a scientist and a statesman, on this issue towards this end. Something that would afford us a basis for a sound strategic perspective. Today, by default, because it comes from space, this business is assumed to be in the hands of NASA. And although they may hands down be The Greatest Show on Earth, collectively the scientists and academics at NASA do not have the strategic sense God gave a bucket of frogs... It is past time to bring in the DoD. Wouldn't it be far easier and more effective to task a soldier with a mission in space than it would ever be to teach a scientist to think like a soldier.

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Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

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Secretary Gates: Sir,

Since The Next Large Asteroid on its way to strike Earth will come from Space, by default the responsibility for defending the planet and mankind from extinction is assumed to be in the hands of NASA... Yet it does not take a rocket scientist to see that collectively, the scientists and academics at NASA do not have the strategic sense God gave a bucket of frogs. It is past time to bring in the DoD. What we need here is a "Plan A"! After all wouldn't it be far easier and far more effective to task a soldier with a mission in space that it would ever be to teach a scientist to think like a soldier.

Please consider advising the President to form an Executive Strategic Study Group: a soldier a scientist and a statesman, to look at this issue from a national security and policy making perspective. As things stand we do not even have a national policy that we will actually respond to this threat... at all!

When the day comes for mankind to save itself from The Next Large Asteroid on its way to strike Earth this business will quickly find its way to your plate. The only question is: will DoD be expected to save the world with a desperate 11th hour extemporaneous mission kludged together from whatever recourses you have laying around or the product of dedicated Preparation, Training and Vigilance?

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Chairman, Joint Chiefs
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Dr. Rice:

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The sooner we begin preparing for this eventuality the better chance we will have for success. Yet as things stand today we do not have so much as a stated policy to even respond to this threat let alone any form of governmental authority to implement it... any where in the world. Also, as things stand, it would be obvious that only the United States could serve in any leadership role for such an effort.

Please consider lending your advice to initiating an ad hoc Executive Strategic Study Group that will look at this issue from a security perspective in order to determine what is essential to the conduct of implementing a successful response. Even though this is an International issue in its scope, if mankind's political response to this threat is to have any credibility, world policy must manifest first as a national policy proceeding from the Executive Office of the United States. The world will follow our lead... sooner or later.

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Mr. Steven J. Hadley
National Security Advisor
The White House
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Mr. Hadley: Sir,

Since The Next Large Asteroid on its way to strike Earth is in Space the natural knee-jerk default responsibility for defending the planet and mankind from extinction is currently assumed to be in the hands of NASA... For 40 years NASA has been a strategic *resource*. How can our mere need for a strategic *agency* to respond to this threat now make them qualified to stand in Harm's Way? When has NASA ever defended anyone from anything? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that collectively, the scientists and academics at NASA do not have the strategic sense God gave a bucket of frogs. It is past time to bring in the DoD here. After all wouldn't it be far easier and far more effective to task a soldier with a mission in space that it would ever be to teach a scientist to think like a soldier.

This should be on your plate. Yet as things stand there is no national policy and clear mandate to actually respond to this threat at all... anywhere in the world! Someone has to step up and set the example... take the lead here. Isn't that a job and the highest and best role for the United States?

Consider advising the President to authorize a military-grade Executive Strategic Study Group to assess this threat and determine what is essential to the conduct of implementing a successful response... make some policy before the scientists sweep this business under a rug of statistical probabilistic sophistry and academic slight-of-mind. After all, deflecting The Next Large Asteroid on its way to strike Earth is not about Man in Space it is about the Security of Mankind... and that makes it your business.

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