

TALKING POINTS FOR
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY SECRETARY JENNIFER DORN
TO THE COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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* Thrilled to have you join us today, and are especially excited about the ideas and suggestions that are sure to come from this distinguished group--under the able Chairmanship of Allan McArtor (Senior Vice President, Federal Express). On behalf of Secretary Dole--who will be here tomorrow--I welcome you to the Department.

* Commercial space--our newest transportation mode. Follows an American tradition. As in the rail and aviation industries, government helped to establish transportation systems, then turned them over to the private sector. This is our role--and intent--with ELVs.

* The role you play increases in importance with each day.

* You and I are convinced that the elements of success for a commercial U.S. ELV industry exist, and that American leadership in space should not be limited by the number of routine satellites launched into orbit on the shuttle.

* Now more than ever, private firms are essential--tremendous backlog and potential for new capacity for future commercial satellite launches.

* Ariane fully booked and has limited ability to increase capacity.

* Japan 6-7 years from providing launch services. China just getting into the field.

* None of the potential competitors can match America's track record.

* Must rely on a diversity of vehicles to provide assured access to space. By eliminating the government monopoly in space transportation we can expand America's fleet of launches at no cost to the taxpayer.

* President's announcement--NASA will no longer be in the business of launching private satellites.

* You, the industry, are ready--newly manufactured rockets could be available for launch as early as 1989.

* Commercial demand is there.

* And the Office of Commercial Space is working to remove unnecessary government regulatory barriers and to provide a responsible mechanism for ensuring that public safety and other important national interests are protected.

* This is an exciting time to be in the business. I know this industry contains some of the most creative and forward-looking entrepreneurs in American industry today. Many of them are in this room. Thank you for joining together over the next two days to define the opportunities ahead for all of us.