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SUBJECT: BUZZ ALDRIN/SPACE POLICY & DFP

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I met with Buzz Aldrin 10/24 at his request regarding what he could do for you and his interest in your approach to U.S. Space policy. He will be at the Los Angeles event and may speak to you about the meeting. He indicated to me the following:

He is interested in being useful to your campaign. He is not interested in helping Bush. He wants to participate in some sort of advisory role regarding space policy and would like to defer to your timing on the matter.

Aldrin is not interested in a real heavy commitment other than perhaps some sort of announcement of an advisory committee on space policy. He seems to be looking for a forum for his views. He mentioned Senator Garn and former Secretary of Interior Walter Hickel as possible members of this group. You would have a better idea as to where these two are positioned.

Apparently, there is some debate within the space community with regard to long-term approach on U.S. space policy. Aldrin is promoting the big, sexy projects/themes: Mars, Venus, space station, Soviet threat, etc. Sally Ride, whose report on the future of American space policy got considerable attention, has a different approach and promotes (in his opinion) a negative view in her attempts to justify a Mars mission and space station. Aldrin feels that you need to really catch the imagination of the public in order to sell these expensive space programs.

Aldrin will be back in town November 9-11, and he would like to know if you are interested in his help. I need your advice as to how to proceed. Do you have any interest in the following:

SCHEDULE MEETING WITH ALDRIN ON U.S. SPACE POLICY \_\_\_\_\_

MINI-PRESS CONFERENCE WITH ALDRIN ANNOUNCING HIS ROLE IN  
ADVISING DFP WITH REGARD TO SPACE POLICY \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_