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TAGS: NASA, OVIP (JUAN CARLOS)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY PRINCE JUAN CARLOS

REF: (A) MADRID 4438 (B) STATE 144254

1. NASA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FRUTKIN TELEPHONED DAS LOWENSTEIN JUNE 25 TO SAY NASA ADMINISTRATOR DR. FLETCHER WISHED TO SEND "PERSONAL" INVITATION TO JUAN CARLOS TO ATTEND JULY 15 LAUNCH ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON AND CAPE CANAVERAL. FRUTKIN ADDED THAT ON THEIR PRIVATE VISITS TO SPAIN US ASTRONAUTS HAD INFORMALLY AND PERSONALLY SAID JUAN CARLOS WOULD BE WELCOME AT FUTURE LAUNCHES AND JUAH CARLOS HAD SEEMED INTERESTED. CONSEQUENTLY, FRUTKIN AND FLETCHER THINK JUAN CARLOS EXPECTS TO BE INVITED.

2. ON BASIS REF A (AND IN ACCORD REF B) LOWENSTEIN ADVISED FRUTKIN PRINCE MIGHT FIND HIMSELF IN EMBARRASSING POSITION IF HE RECEIVES INVITATION, AND SAID NO RPT 40

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INVITATION SHOULD BE SENT.

3. FRUTKIN AND FLETCHER ACCEPTED STATE GUIDANCE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO TELL JUAN CARLOS

INFORMALLY THAT ONLY REASON NASA NOT RPT NOT INVITING PRINCE IS OUT OF RESPECT FOR HIS DESIRES (REF A) -- WHETHER TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE AND HOW TO DO IT ARE LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION.

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