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SUBJECT: NASA HEAD SAYS ECONOMIC FACTS  
HOLDING BACK SPACE PROGRAM

Dr. James Fletcher, head of NASA, said that emotional, political, and economic facts of life have been holding back the space program. He said the nation must overcome short-sided views and start thinking seriously about putting/a permanent, manned space station.  
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Is the President considering/<sup>increasing</sup>the NASA budget in order to achieve some of Dr. Fletcher's goals?

GUIDANCE: The President has not yet made any final budget decisions on NASA or any other Department or Agency.

The President has just begun the Department-by-Department budget analysis in the last ten days and this will culminate in final decisions in December.

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