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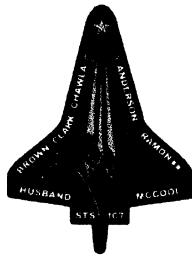
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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the 13 members of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, I present Volume One of the final report concerning the loss of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. This document is at the same time the last step in the investigation and the first critical step in our return to flight. The Board feels that the depth and breadth of this investigation has been unprecedented in NASA history; but the Board also expresses its deep regret regarding the accident that put this investigation in motion.

The Board is grateful for the continued support of the Administration, Congress, NASA, and the public during this arduous investigation process. Without it, we would not have been able to delve as deeply into the causes of the tragic loss of *Columbia* and its crew of seven explorers.

The Board intends for the report to stimulate debate on the future of this nation's exploration of space and to further provide a context for the difficult decisions to be made during this very important debate.

Respectfully,

H. W. GEHMAN  
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)  
Chairman  
Columbia Accident Investigation Board

Mr. George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
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