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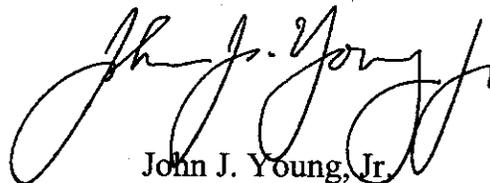
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SUBJECT: Appointment of Mr. Gordon M. Kranz to Director, Systems and Software Engineering (SSE)

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Gordon M. Kranz has been appointed Director, Systems and Software Engineering, effective October 14, 2008. As Director, SSE, Mr. Kranz will be responsible for formulating systems engineering policy and guidance, developmental test and evaluation policy, program assessments and support, and weapons systems software policy.

Mr. Kranz comes to OSD from General Dynamics, where he was the Senior Program Manager. He has a proven management and technical leadership track record of success on a long list of DoD programs with the Air Force, Army and DARPA. He has served our country previously as an Air Force officer and brings with him in-depth expertise in DoD acquisition, technology and logistics. This includes experience in systems of systems, program concepts, system development, production, and life cycle sustainment.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Kranz to his new position.


John J. Young, Jr.

