with the international practice of States and the provisions of the 1972 <u>Convention on International</u> <u>Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects</u>. The presentation of this claim is without prejudice to the right of Canada to invoke the provisions of the Convention concerning the establishment of a Claims Commission and is further without prejudice to the form and substance of pleadings, oral arguments and documents that may be submitted by Canada to such a Commission.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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