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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: JUPITER ORBITAL OBJECT RECONNAISSANCE

In early August 2077 an orbital object was detected around the gas giant Jupiter. The object had not been detected previously. It has only been nineteen years since the government has been able to undertake space faring missions again. We are only now recovering lost time and opportunity and our scan and surveillance abilities are still limited. The Unexpected Reset took a major toll on commercial and military capabilities.

It was observed that the object was periodically changing orbit contrary to free trajectory orbital mechanics, seemingly at will. It was decided to send a manned reconnaissance mission at the earliest possible launch window to rendezvous in Mars orbit. The mission participants would then transfer to a Mars Base 5 launched Heavy Lift Transport to complete the mission. The covert mission objectives were twofold:

1. Obtain scan and telemetry data from the object and relay it
2. Attempt to dock with the object, explore it as thoroughly as possible and report

Twelve military mission specialists were subsequently selected and on 2 January 2078 a rocket was launched from Moon base Alpha. It entered Mars orbit 110 days later and the crew awaited the Heavy Lift Transport which would launch the following day from Mars base 5. On 23 April the crew transferred to the HLT and proceeded to Jupiter. Planetary orbit was achieved on 21 December and on that date the last radio communications update was sent. No communications have been received since. Long range scans and telemetry have not been able to locate the HLT.

Recommendations will follow in early January after thorough consultation.

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Accompanying this document are extracts from the original mission dossier. It contains recently discovered archaeological pre-Reset information as well as selected pertinent mission information.

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