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Dear Mr. Pignataro:

We have recently held discussions concerning the AMS Crew Operations Post (ACOP) schedule. We have also received an official request from the AMS collaboration to modify the ACOP development schedule. Our recommendation is to modify the ACOP development schedule as follows:

Recommended Schedule

Critical Design Review	Oct. 1, 2005
Flight & Ground Safety Review Phase II	Nov. 29, 2005
Flight Model on dock Kennedy Space Center	May 1, 2007
ACOP ready for launch	Sept. 1, 2007

These modifications are necessary due to delays that were no fault of ASI or its contractors; however, they are necessary to merge the ACOP schedule with the current AMS schedule.

Cordially,

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Stephen V. Porter  
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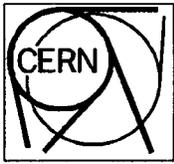
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Dear Steve,

Following the recommendation of Dr. Mike Capell, AMS Avionics Coordinator, I would like to request your permission that the ACOP schedule be updated to align with the AMS schedule as follows:

ACOP Critical Design Review	1 Oct 2005,
ACOP Flight Safety Review Phase II	29 Nov 2005,
ACOP Flight Unit on Dock at KSC	1 May 2007 and
ACOP ready for launch	1 Sep 2007.

It should be pointed out that this is not because of the efforts of the Italian or Taiwanese teams who have been making good progress on ACOP. Again, it is to coordinate with the overall AMS schedule, in particular the common AMS and ACOP software development.

Yours sincerely,

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