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VIA UNITED STATES MAIL

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to inform your office that certain items of personal information may have been exposed to unauthorized access as a result of the loss of a backup computer harddrive. The personal identification information pertains to people working on Northrop Grumman's contract with NASA that is being performed in our facility in Fairmont, West Virginia. The loss was discovered on May 28, 2009, and we have quickly attempted to identify the information on that backup harddrive in order to provide timely notice with respect to any personal information.

In response to this incident, we are conducting a thorough security investigation, but have not yet been able to identify who removed the harddrive from an office desk drawer. We have filed a police report with the Fairmont, West Virginia Police Department regarding the incident.

As a result, we will implement a distribution of notification letters to all affected persons (including the two (2) individuals who our records show are citizens of Maryland) to apprise them of the facts as we now know them.

In those notification letters, we will inform the recipients that even though we have not been able to ascertain whether personal information has been actually accessed or misused, we have notified all affected persons of the incident as described above. In addition to our notification of the incident, we will also offer various recommendations to the affected persons to assist them in guarding against identity fraud. We will continue to investigate the incident.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding any of the foregoing issues. We will be pleased to cooperate with the Maryland Attorney General's Office in any way we can.

Sincerely,



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