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simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxxxx (Rand Simberg) wrote:

Yes. It was the National Space Transportation System, and supposed to satisfy all launch requirements, both civil and military, so NASA had to consider DoD requirements when it designed it. (This programmatic approach, more than the design itself, was the most disastrous thing about the Shuttle, and NASA doesn't seem to have learned any lessons from it, because they did the same thing with VentureStar).

Who designated it the 'National' system? NASA? Was it an inescapable political requirement in an era that saw very little support for NASA in the first place?

Remember that nobody makes decisions in a vacuum or with the clarity of 20/20 hindsight.

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Touch-twice life. Eat. Drink. Laugh.

-Resolved: To be more temperate in my postings.

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