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This has been debunked already.

I believe the X-33 was cancelled for political purposes, to allow Lockheed et al to replace it with a long term very expensive moon shot. Bush and Lockheed have been sleeping with each other since Bush was a governor. I don't trust the decision to cancel the X-33 at all, it smells.

Do you still believe in Santa Claus?

I think I can win that debate, the X-33 that is, not ol' Santa.

It was cancelled ...when was that? Oh yes, March 2001 just ...weeks... after Bush took office. Decades of effort from the 70's on with various attempts at reusable space planes flushed. And by a President in bed with Lockheed.

Are you that naive???

"The decision to terminate both X-33 and X-34 were made internally by NASA

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Right!

"McCurdy said NASA was only \$8 million away from fixing the problem with the vehicle's hydrogen fuel tank.

"The airframe was fine. The engines were running through their tests fairly well. It would have been one-half the weight of the shuttle and you wouldn't have had an external fuel tank or tiles," McCurdy said of the X-33."