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"Paul F. Dietz" <dietz@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Andrew Lotosky wrote:

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>> Well, then if the system was completely risk-free people would just
>> complain that we spent too much on it.

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> We're making that complaint even now, so this is a safe
> prediction.

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> The problem with the shuttle is not that it is risky.
> The problem is that it is uneconomical. If shuttle
> were a factor of ten cheaper to launch, but no safer,
> it would be worth keeping around. If it were a factor
> of ten safer, but no cheaper, it would not be.

Exactly. Safety is a good excuse to end the program by 2010, just as safety was a good excuse for the USAF to pull out of the shuttle program and abandon the notion of launching shuttles from Vandenburg. The nice thing about the safety excuse is that the voting public doesn't question that excuse, especially since both excuses came shortly after losing a shuttle and its crew.

Jeff

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