Testimony for The Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond

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About Princeton Synergetics, Inc.

- A policy research and consulting firm with a broad client base:
 - + NASA + DOT/FAA + DOD + DOE + OTA + JPL + NRL

- + Battelle PNL
- + Lockheed
 - + Loral
 - + Canadian Spaceport
 - + Showboat
 - + Caesars Palace
 - + Bally's Park Place

About Joel S. Greenberg

- Education: BEE, MEE
- Employment: USAF, RCA Corp. Staff., Aerospace Dept Princeton Univ., ECON, PSI
- Experience: New Business Planning, Benefit/Cost Anal., Systems Analysis, Policy Analysis, Tech Program Planning/Evaluation, Tech Transfer/Commercialization
- Membership: AIAA Fellow & Member of Public Policy Committee, Member IAA and co-Chaired Comm. On Economics of Space Operations
- Publications: Economic Principles Applied to Space Industry Decisions [AIAA/2003], Investment Decisions: Influence of Risk and Other Factors [AMA/1982], over 300 publications.

Costs and Program Planning Considerations

- Moon Mars Mission requires a long-term multiphase RD&D program that continuously "buys" information and adjusts plans accordingly.
- Planning requires the explicit and quantitative consideration of uncertainty and risk.
- Program planning has 3 interrelated degrees of freedom: Performance, Cost, Schedule.
- Cost and Schedule, when given performance, are unknown and must be considered in terms of Probability of Success.

Potential Benefits

- Pride resulting from success [or frustration due to unavailability of funds for other uses].
- Job creation from additional expenditures [inflationary pressures?]
- Technology development and spinoffs.

Other Considerations

- Transportation! Transportation! Transportation! [low cost]
- Impact on Hubbell Telescope and other programs.
- Withdrawal from ISS program and impact on partners. Who will have responsibility for return of ISS to Earth?
- Alternate uses of funds.