Russian Overflight Status

• Our diplomatic note for DC-8 overflights has not yet been approved
  – All but one Russian Ministry has cleared, including FSB (formerly KGB)
  – The General Staff of the Ministry of Defense (General Zakharin’s former place of work) remains outstanding
  – Academician Laverov, Acting President of the Russian Academy, recently met with officials there to assist in facilitating clearance, and is checking the status on a daily basis

• Permission for Geophysica overflights has the same status
  – US-Russia Earth Science Joint Working Group meeting in Moscow, Russia on 29-30 October 2002 established a track for Geophysica permission

• Permission for Falcon overflights will not be possible in the SOLVE-2 timeframe
Contingency Plan

• Cognizance and support has already been obtained from the Russian Ministry of Transportation for flights over Russian controlled Arctic Ocean
  – General Zakharin has all necessary information and is ready to support such flights in the field
  – No flights over Russian islands in the Arctic will be possible without clearance on our diplomatic note