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Santa's Post Delivery Debriefing 2011

(Declassified Red Tinsel Version)

Take Off and Preparation

Santa reported that the preparation for the delivery was one of the best we have had in years. Although we lost a machine in the workshop (which will be replaced over the summer) we all pulled together as a team and got everything accomplished on schedule. He was proud of the fact that all elves worked together as a team to overcome our set back.

Take Off on Christmas Eve was flawless and it seems that the new boosters are working out great. In fact he said that the lift off was so smooth he actually took a couple sips of cocoa as he reached his 10,000 feet cruising height. He wants us to make sure the new booster formula is well documented for next year.

Tracking and Communications

All went well with the exception of two areas. He lost communications with command central for about 3 minutes over the Pacific Ocean and about 10 minutes over Germany. He asked that we look into this and see if there is a problem when we switch over communication satellites. As it turns out, the loss of communications over Germany was due to high EMF etc. due to the Russian rocket reentering the atmosphere over that area. (Some early reports were that Santa's sleigh had been detected, but those reports have been debunked by the Belgium Royal Observatory who pinned down the source of the disturbance in the evening sky to the falling Russian rocket upper stage section.) <http://news.msn.co.nz/worldnews/8395770/christmas-eve-space-fireball-identified> and http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45797248/ns/technology_and_science-space/

He said the update to the GPS system did not include sections of China. He referred to his paper list during the time, but wants us to look at the latest patch to see if we can figure out the problem may be with the mapping. He will answer any additional questions on this if needed, but he supplied his hand written notes for the software engineering department.

Sleigh and Reindeer Flight

The sleigh and flight was a little sluggish over Nova Scotia. He lost altitude twice and dropped down to 8,000 feet, but was able to recover. There was a strange sound coming from the left front ski of the sleigh when this happened.

He said that when we docked with satellite 2, he may have got a little too close and bent either the rake of the skid and dented the satellite. He said this was completely his fault since he was not paying attention during the docking and pulled back on the reigns too soon.

Reloading of Gifts and Satellite Docking

No other problem other than the previously mentioned docking issue with satellite 2.

Everything was packed perfectly and in the correct order. All packages were in the correct country satellites and town sub-packets.

Prep and Landing

Again, he reported how much he loves sending prep and landing ahead of him. He recalled how much time this would waste in the past especially with checking those who are stirring. There were thousands of houses where he got a report from Prep and Landing to delay delivery due to children still being awake.

Also, he reported that all landings were perfect so the updates to the landing devices worked great.

Rest Stop Schedule

He followed the same schedule as in previous years and all worked at well. He does not foresee any changes in next year's schedule.

He did make an extra stop along the Great Wall of China though in remembrance of those who perished this year in China's earthquake since the Great Wall of China is truly a piece of its national identity.

Weather Conditions

Weather conditions were less harsh than normal this year. He only had a few spots where he had to climb up to 20,000 feet to get out of the weather, but it was one of the best set of weather conditions he has had in a long time.

Return Flight and Landing

The return flight worked at great on auto pilot. He said he set the coordinates and sat back and started making his notes for this debriefing as he flew back to the North Pole. He was able to go right to bed when he got home (after his usual reindeer gratitude time) and expressed his fondness of the new auto pilot system.

Signed: Santa Claus and Edward Hinklemeyer

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