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Today, Bruce T. Lundin, Director, Lewis Research Center announced to employees of the Center that the necessity to reduce federal expenditures during the current fiscal year and beyond has forced a significant reduction in many of NASA's current and planned programs. These reductions affect the expenditure level for the remainder of this fiscal year and planning for fiscal year 1974. In general, long range research and technology efforts not expected to be needed for some time in the future will be reduced or terminated. Priority will be given to more urgently needed near-term work.

The impact on the Lewis Research Center will be the termination of essentially all of the current nuclear propulsion and power programs by the end of this fiscal year. Major facilities not to be utilized in NASA's restructured program will be phased out and placed in standby condition. At the Lewis Plum Brook Station, Sandusky, Ohio, the Reactor Facility will be placed in standby condition by the end of this fiscal year and the remainder of the Station will be closed at the end of Fiscal Year 1974.

The closedown of the Plum Brook Station and the program terminations at the Lewis-Cleveland site will result in the separation of many employees over the next 18 months. The exact number to be separated

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is not known at this time. An extensive out placement program is being planned to assist employees in securing other employment. The special skills and experience of employees to be separated can be of great benefit to the Nation in other areas of technical interest.

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