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Mr. John F. Zyla
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Dear Mr. Zyla:

Thank you for your letter of November 9, 1978, in which you request information on NASA's purchase of Victorinox Swiss Army Knives.

NASA has purchased 50 Victorinox Swiss Army Knives model #5044, Master Craftsman, through NASA's crew equipment contractor ILC Industries. These knives will be aboard the Space Shuttle Orbiter as part of crew equipment.

Although we are pleased to confirm the purchase of these knives, this confirmation must not be considered a commercial endorsement of your product by NASA.

We will be happy to work with you if Victorinox officials plan any news releases or advertisements of the fact that these knives will be part of the astronaut crew equipment.

Thank you for your letter and if we can be of additional help, please don't hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Gordon".

Robert Gordon
Manager of Industrial Communications
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