thanks Eric well first off let me tell

you what a pleasure it is to come over

here and not have to walk through a

construction site it is amazing and it's

a lot safer to I think one of the things

that I think is really neat about it is

you know it's not just strictly designed

for a specific purpose this is a very

flexible functional facility that will

support commercial operations any rocket

we want to test any part of in a launch

environment we can do it here all the

hard work that went into this that the

constellation program paid for it's
going to get used it's critical to our future as we design where we're going and we do have a great future the launch equipment test facility letf at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 27 to mark the four-year 35 million comprehensive upgrade the facility has undergone the letf was established in the 1970s to support the qualification of the space shuttle programs umbilical and t0 mechanisms throughout the years the facility has supported the development of systems for shuttle and
Space Station Delta and Atlas rockets

and various research and development programs across the agency the letf has unique capabilities to evolve into a versatile test and development area that supports a wide spectrum of programs

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