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"My name is Daphne Dador and I'm a Legislative Affairs Specialist at NASA Headquarters.

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"My office's mission is to handle all communications and relationships related to

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legislative issues between the agency and congress, and so I do things like help out

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with preparing for congressional hearings, handling requests from members of congress

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and their staff as well as monitoring relevant legislation.

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"I grew up in California.

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I was in the San Francisco Bay Area, you know NASA Ames has always been a presence for me.

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When I was little, my Grandparents would take myself and my brothers out to Moffett Field.

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"I've always been attracted to coming to a place with a larger cause and a bigger

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idea, so Washington, D.C. to me was a place to do that.

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I had an undergraduate degree in politics,  
which is something that a lot of people in

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Washington, D.C. have and so I decided that  
I needed to specialize in an area.

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So, I decided to go to graduate school and  
I found the Space Policy Institute at George

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Washington University.

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And that's where I learned that there was  
this field called Space Policy and that I

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could be involved with it even though I wasn't  
a scientist or an engineer.

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"At this agency, I think it represents the  
best about being an American.

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It's having an enterprising nature, it's  
advancing humanity and knowledge and you know,

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it's that American spirit.

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On the outside I've always been proud of  
our space program, but now that I'm part

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of the agency I feel that it's even more

important for me when I go home or when I