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While I'm sorry I can't be at Vandenberg Air Force Base today, it's my pleasure to welcome you

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all to another one of NASA's amazing earth science launches - the GRACE Follow-On mission

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to observe our planet's  
ever-changing water cycle, ice sheets and crust.

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I want to thank the NASA and  
commercial teams that have gotten us to

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this point and give a special shout out  
to the many scientists engineers and

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technicians who have worked years to  
make this mission possible.

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Your dedication is remarkable and it truly is the kind of spirit that is carrying our

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space program to new heights all the  
time.

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Our philosophy on Mars has been to  
follow the water and that has relevance

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right here on earth as well.

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GRACE Follow-On data will provide unique

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insights into Earth's changing climate  
and it will have far-reaching benefits

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to society, such as improving water  
resource management.

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Water is critical to every aspect of life on Earth: for health, for agriculture and for maintaining our very way of life

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This mission showcases a strong partnership between NASA and the German Research Centre for Geosciences

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while NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory manages the

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mission for NASA's Science Mission  
Directorate in Washington, D.C.

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I look forward to seeing many more earth science missions during my tenure as NASA Administrator