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Hello, as NASA Administrator I wanted to
talk to the entire workforce about the

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status of one of our flagship missions,
the James Webb Space Telescope.

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As you know there have been delays in the mission's integration and testing, and

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NASA called an independent review board
for the telescope. That review board's

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assessment has been completed. We have evaluated the board's findings and we

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defined March 30, 2021 as the
telescope's new launch date.

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First off, I want to say that NASA is committed to the Webb Space Telescope.

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It is vitally needed to perform the next generation of research beyond the Hubble Space Telescope.

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It is going to do amazing
things things we've never been able to

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do before, as we peer into other galaxies and see

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light from the very dawn of time.

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Despite Webb's major challenges during the final

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testing and integration phase, the board
and NASA unanimously agreed that Webb

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will achieve mission success with the
implementation of the board's

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recommendations, many of which are
already underway

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We're all disappointed that the culmination of Webb

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and its launch is taking longer than expected,

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but we're creating something new here.
We're dealing with cutting-edge

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technology to perform an unprecedented
mission, and I know that our teams are

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working hard, and will successfully
overcome the challenges.

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In space, we always have to look at the long-term and sometimes the complexities of our

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missions don't come together as soon as
we wish. But we learn, we move ahead and

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ultimately we succeed. We will get there
with Webb and I thank you all for your

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patience and flexibility as we carry out
all the great missions of this agency.