



February 13, 2004

Reply to Attn of: 303

Mr. David Epner
Epner Technology Incorporated
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Dear Mr. Epner:

On behalf of the Office of Systems Safety and Mission Assurance, and the NASA-Goddard engineering team on the Mercury Laser Altimeter (MLA) program, we wish to thank and congratulate Epner Technology for their outstanding performance on our MLA Beryllium Assembly.

Not only was the Laser Gold plating and masking on this critical component flawless, but it was delivered on time against an "impossible" schedule.

MLA is part of the Messenger Spacecraft due to be launched this year and you can feel proud that "a little company in Brooklyn" made such a vital contribution to the success of our first orbital mission to the planet Mercury.

Cordially,

Handwritten signature of Roger L. Counts in black ink.

Roger L. Counts
Systems Assurance Manager, MLA

Handwritten signature of Keith A. Corsi in black ink.

Keith A. Corsi
Quality Assurance Specialist, MLA

Handwritten signature of Arlin Bartel in black ink.
Arlin Bartel
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