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During the first year, we have progressed in both areas defined for study in the original proposal. Collaboration with Dr. Oeyvind Andreassen of the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment (NDRE) initiated a numerical modeling effort which is now providing high-resolution 2-D simulations of compressible nonlinear gravity wave dynamics using a state-of-the-art pseudo-spectral code. We believe these results to be a substantial improvement over previous efforts to address the fundamentals of gravity wave breaking, spectral evolution, and momentum and energy transports in the middle atmosphere.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: PKZ

Dr Fritts is moving from
U of Alaska to U of Colorado. He
has submitted a new proposal for the
remaining 2 years of this grant
(AFOSR-91-0026).

Therefore, please do not exercise
the 1st option on this grant. Also,
consider the attached cover letter to
be his final report for AFOSR-91-0026.

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Program Manager

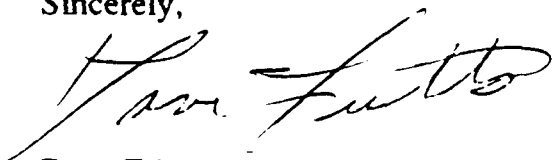


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Our efforts in the development of a physically-based parameterization scheme for gravity wave transports and effects are likewise making progress. We have defined the manner in which the observed wave spectrum responds to changes in density, atmospheric stability, and background velocity and designed a procedure for specifying how the spectrum must evolve with height in such a variable environment. Our future efforts will address the incorporation of both zonal and meridional wave propagation, wavefield anisotropy, and geographic variability due to various specified wave sources at lower levels. The prescribed spectral response to a changing environment will permit computation of energy and momentum fluxes and their divergences as well as the effects on the background atmosphere. This parameterization will be tested in a GCM in collaboration with Dr. Norm McFarlane in Toronto and will thereafter be provided to a number of other groups which have expressed interest in the scheme.

I hope this has provided you a useful view of our current efforts and future plans, and I look forward to discussing this work with you at the AMS meeting in Denver this October.

Sincerely,



Dave Fritts

*The letter constitutes an acceptable final report
for the first year of grant AFOSR-71-0026.*

James J. Elliot