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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The 108th Congress is addressing a broad range of civilian, military, and commercial space issues. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) conducts the most visible space activities. NASA's FY2005 budget request is \$16.2 billion. NASA requested \$15.5 billion for FY2004; Congress approved \$15.4 billion. The loss of the space shuttle Columbia on February 1, 2003, and the future of NASA's human space flight activities is dominating debate about NASA. On January 14, 2004, President Bush announced a new exploration initiative that involves terminating the shuttle program in 2010 when construction of the space station is completed, building a new Crew Exploration Vehicle to take astronauts to the Moon by 2020, and redirecting U.S. research on the space station to support the goal of returning humans to the Moon and eventually sending them to Mars and world beyond. The Department of Defense (DOD) has a less visible but equally substantial space program. Tracking the DOD space budget is extremely difficult since space is not identified as a separate line item in the budget. DOD sometimes releases...



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