Opening Remarks

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I would like to welcome you to the 9th US Russian Space Surveillance Workshop. Our translators are Anna Tomysheva and Alexandra Kaplunenko. We have a custom of recognizing the deaths of previous participants by a moment of silence. At this workshop we remember Sergey Yu. Kamensky and Pavel Papushev. On a happier note, today my wife and I celebrate our 52nd wedding anniversary. Please thank her for tolerating me for such a long time.

This is a workshop so discussion is important, both in the sessions, during breaks, at social functions, and at other times. During sessions while we will try to stay on schedule, if the discussion and questions seem very important, I will let the discussion continue beyond the schedule.

So that we may get to know each other, we will go around the room and have everyone introduce themselves with their name, organization, and anything else of interest.