

## **FIRESCOPE TASK FORCE MEETING 98-4**

**April 20, 1998**

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Motion: J. Olney, L. Caldwell. All in favor.

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