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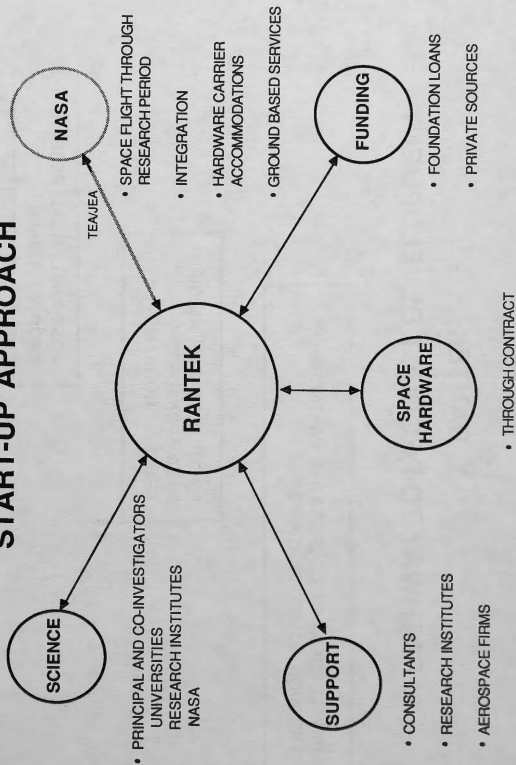
# RANTEK

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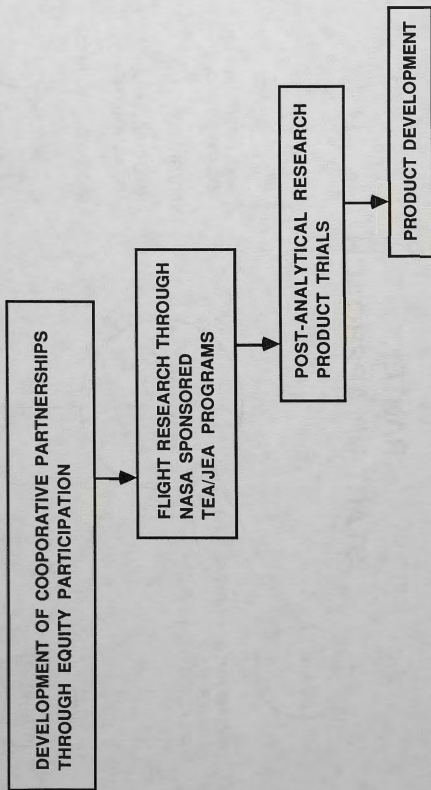
## **RANTEK THE COMPANY**

- **A SMALL START-UP COMPANY FOUNDED IN 1984**
- **PRINCIPALS: EXPERIENCED IN AEROSPACE BUSINESS**
- **INITIAL BUSINESS TARGETS: BIOTECHNOLOGY**
- **INTEREST IN COMMERCIALIZATION IN SPACE**

# RANTEK START-UP APPROACH



# RANTEK PATHWAY TO PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



## RANTEK

### "REACHING FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS"

#### RESEARCH TARGETS:

- A LOOK AT ARTHRITIS

EXPLORE THE USE OF MICROGRAVITY AS A MEANS TO SEPARATE COMPONENTS OF SYNOVIAL FLUID TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE VIRAL PROTEIN(S).

ISOLATING SUCH A PROTEIN WOULD BE A FIRST STEP IN WHETHER A VIRUS CAUSES ARTHRITIS.

- A LOOK AT MARROW CELL CHARACTERIZATION

EXPLORE USE OF MICROGRAVITY TO PRODUCE/CULTURE SPECIFIC MARROW CELLS NEEDED FOR TRANSPLANT ( A MAJOR MARKET ALREADY EXISTS)

# RANTEK INITIAL SCHEDULE

