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Dear Chris:

Thank you for your letter supporting the space program.

In answer to your question "What has happened to the big NASA space project?" let me say that NASA's work is still going on. Within the last few years there have been some cutbacks in the scope of the space project, however. Not only have there been cutbacks, but we don't seem to hear as much about it these days, ever since we landed our man on the moon. After all, that's a difficult thing to top as far as dramatic effect.

I share your concern about the space project and I hope that the Congress will not take inappropriate action in the future on this matter. I agree that we have gained much valuable knowledge which has benefitted us directly with increased technological skills, not to mention the other scientific knowledge we have gained which has no direct or immediate technological application but which is valuable as basic information.

One thing which some people forget about the space program is that by insuring our own supremacy in this field, the United States has been able to insure that space will not be used as a launching-field for instruments of war.

Thanks again for your letter. I appreciate having your views on this subject and will keep them in mind as the Senate considers them in the future. If I can ever be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U.S. Senate

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e/o Wendell

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20 April 1975

Dear Senator Dole,

My name is Chris Rose. I am a Boy Scout. I live in Kansas. I am 13 years old.

I would like to discuss the space program with you. What has ^{happened} to the big NASA space project? After we got on the moon, we went down hill in the space project. Is any more money being appropriated for future space programs? I believe that we have benefited from the space program in the past. We now use many materials in our homes and industry that were invented because of the space program. We learned many new things about the earth.

I hope in the future, if you get a chance to vote for continuing the space program, you will. I hope you will vote for money and new programs requested by NASA.

Someday I hope I will have a chance to work in the space program. I will be a taxpayer someday and will happily pay my share for the space program.

Sincerely,

Chris Rose