

Space Program

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Dear Doctor Hoopes:

Thank you for the copy of your letter of July 25 to the Editor of TIME, and I am pleased to have your comments concerning our most recent accomplishment in the space program.

This was, as you indicate, a memorable occasion and an achievement for all mankind as well as America. Although you and many, many others have expressed your belief that we should continue at the same rate in expending federal funds for advancement in the space program, there are unfortunately many others who feel that these expenditures should be reduced and rechanneled into other programs that, in their opinion, are of more immediate and direct benefit to the public in general.

I do appreciate having your views and will, of course, keep them in mind when appropriation measures for this program are considered by the Senate.

Do continue to give me the benefit of your views, and please let me know whenever I may be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

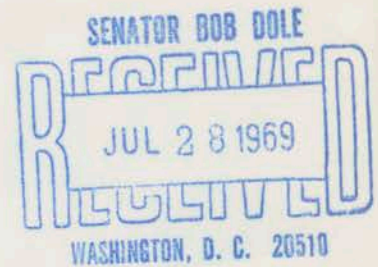
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Sir: We must conquer space, at least in terms of our own solar system. 0.5% to 1% of the gross national product is a very small price to pay. NASA should please obtain and publish the facts that must indicate what the space program has done for our overall national economy. The average intelligent taxpayer can thus be shown that the space program is money in his pocket now and in the future, plus an investment in man's future survival. We must have an escape hatch since it should be apparent to all that we cannot escape our own human nature. Improve? Yes. Escape? No. FORWARD, NASA! Thank you not for entertainment, but for the hope that man has a chance for survival in spite of himself.

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