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Honorable Bob Dole,
House Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dole:

Please find enclosed several newspaper clippings that are self explanatory. I am very much oposed to the Mars and Moon shots. Out of the last five shots, only two have been operative. The one the first of this week was a very great failure and I am very thankful that it didn't travel some distance and fall in the heart of some city, think of the disaster that this would have been. The billions of dollars that we are throwing away on this program could be used to a better advantage elsewhere. If you or I invest our money in a business venture, we are fairly sure that it will be a paying proposition or we don't go into it, but not so with this moon shot, the only one's to profit by it are the big companies furnishing the materials.

About two years ago I wrote to you requesting that you not vote for any money bills for moon shots and you agreed that the wild spending would have to stop, but yet congress goes on voting billions of dollars every year for this project, where will it all end.

While we are trying to go to the moon the Russians are inching their way into every nook and cranny on this earth and we are letting them do it. The Russians are not stupid, when they shot the first Sputnik into space I told my wife across the breakfast table that they had made a big fool out of the rest of the world, and they have not stopped there. They are constantly doing things to keep the United States in hot water. They evidently have an over all plan to conquer the world and it looks like we are the stupid one's for not doing something about it. This idea of being the first to the moon is out of order, I don't think that the Russians ever intend to go to the moon, why spend their money when they can get us to spend ours.

Once again I am asking you to vote against any and all money bills for Mars or Moon shots. I would like to see you start as a one man crusader on this project and bring it before the Congress of the United States to ban all future Mars and Moon shots.

If some one would introduce a bill in the Congress to vote a hundred billion dollars for promoting peace throughout the world I doubt very much if the Congressmen would take a second look at it. Please give this letter some serious thought, I think it is time that we as a nation better do all that we can to promote world peace instead of playing with firecrackers. With kindest regards to you and yours I am

Very Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Eldon Steuri
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Dear Mr. Steuri:

Thanks for your letter of March 5 and newspaper clippings concerning our country's efforts to land men on the moon. I agree completely with you on the folly of this and many other spending proposals and have consistently voted against this proliferation of our tax dollars.

The present Administration holds such wide margins in both House and Senate that most any program advocated by President Johnson is sure to go through without any difficulty. The so-called Appalachia Bill passed by the House last week is an example of this, and the manner in which the members of his party in the House fall in line in support of the bill resembled a stampede. Though the odds we face in opposing these spending measures are overwhelming, I nevertheless feel it is my duty to do what I can to help hold the line and preserve our country's fiscal integrity.

Trust you will continue to give me the benefit of your views, and when I may be of assistance, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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