

*Space Program*

October 3, 1969

Miss ~~Laura~~ Ruty  
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Dear Miss Ruty:

Thank you for your letter of September 29, asking me for my thoughts on our space program.

With many people from all over the world, I shared a tremendous sense of pride and excitement when Man's dream of reaching the Moon became reality. This achievement, in my opinion, boosted this Nation's feeling of accomplishment and pride; this boost was needed.

Yet many people have pointed out, and rightfully so, that the space program is tremendously costly, and that we need to apply more of our efforts to solving the crucial domestic problems we face right here on the earth. I feel we can ~~believe~~ both the goals of our space program and solve our domestic problems, for the increased knowledge gained by the research carried out to reach the Moon can also be applied in other areas. We have learned a great deal about medicine, computer techniques, communications, meteorology; and certainly the discoveries made in these fields can be used in many ways.

Thank you again for writing, and I hope my comments will have helped you in your project.

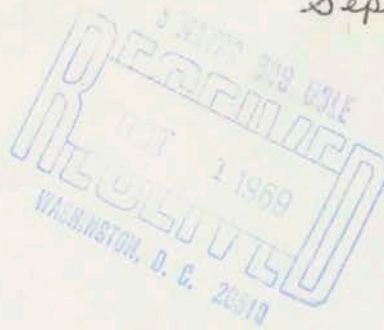
Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
U. S. Senate

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Sept. 29, 1969

Senator Robert J. Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington D. C.



Dear Senator Dole,

I am a ninth grader at Robertsville Junior High School, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Our civics teacher gave us a project which is writing a letter to a senator. I picked you because I was in your state for a year, and I liked it very much.

I would like to know your opinion about the shots to the moon. Do you think we are spending too much money on it?

Sincerely,

Laura Rity

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