

Space Program

July 25, 1969

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Dear Mr. Ramey:

Thanks for your letter of July 22.

I certainly agree we have serious domestic problems and that we must now reassess our national priorities. Perhaps the peaceful conquest of the moon will provide the motivation we need to solve the problems we have here on Earth.

I feel confident President Nixon shares this concern and is doing everything possible to solve them. You must realize these problems have been with us for many years and the President cannot be expected to solve them overnight.

Your views are appreciated. Any time we may be of assistance in any way, do let me know.

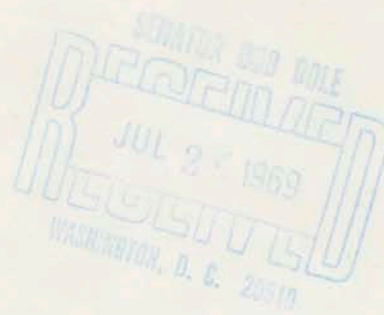
Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
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DEAR MR. DOLE,

NOW THAT WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PUT MEN ON THE MOON, THEREBY DEMONSTRATING OUR SUPERIORITY TO ALL, IT IS TIME TO REVIEW OUR PRIORITIES.

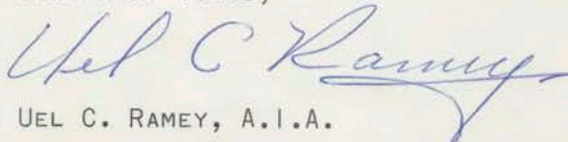
WE MAY NOT EXIST AS A NATION LONG ENOUGH TO EXPLOIT OUR LEADERSHIP IN SPACE UNLESS WE CAN SOLVE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF:

1. THE WAR IN VIETNAM
2. POVERTY IN THE U.S.A.
3. WORLD HUNGER
4. RACIAL INEQUALITY
5. WATER AND AIR POLLUTION
6. EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

IT DOES NOT SURPRISE ME THAT THE YOUTH OF OUR NATION HAVE TURNED US OFF. SO FAR WE HAVE GIVEN ONLY LIP SERVICE TO THE PROBLEMS LISTED ABOVE.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS ARE EMPTY VICTORIES WHEN WE REALIZE THAT THE MONEY, TALENT, AND ENERGY CONSUMED IN PUTTING TWO MEN ON THE MOON COULD HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TOWARD SOLVING ANY ONE OF THESE PROBLEMS. IT IS TIME TO RE-EVALUATE OUR PRIORITIES. WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT, PEOPLE OR THE EXPLORATION OF SPACE? WE CAN SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS IF WE HONESTLY WANT TO SOLVE THEM.

SINCERELY YOURS,


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