

*Space Program*

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Dear Dr. Anver:

Thank you for your letter of June 11 indicating your view that the upcoming moon landing should be memorialized by planting the United Nations Flag on the moon, with an American Flag below it.

I am aware of the recommendation, but may say, am not enthusiastic about the proposal. I certainly know of no sacrifices made by other U.N. members to make this accomplishment a reality. Therefore, I personally favor the United States being given, full credit for these successes.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
U. S. Senate

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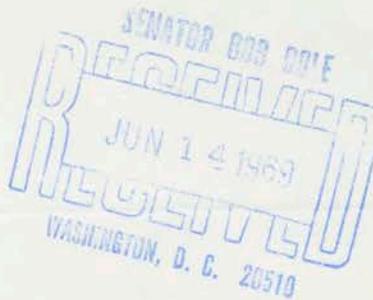


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Senator Robert Dole  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Senator Dole:

As matters are now, it seems American personnel, technology, and determination are going to bring about an astronaut moon landing in July. To me, a supporter of the NASA manned--and unmanned--space programs since the Mercury flights, this will be one of the most exciting, significant events I've ever seen.

I'm sure everyone in the world knows about the landing and that the first men to walk on the moon will be Americans. But as well as being from one portion of one continent on the planet, they are representatives of the entire Earth. NASA tracking stations are in the Atlantic, Pacific, Europe, Australia, and Africa. Observatories of all countries and countless people, by the use of television, will follow the flight and hope for its success. Furthermore, the flight becomes an international event because space, by a treaty ratified by the US Senate, is considered (rightly) international territory.

In my opinion, the best way to acknowledge the internationality of the lunar flight would be for Congress to allow our astronauts to place a United Nations flag on the moon, flying an American flag below it to indicate that we were the ones who put it there (as if everyone didn't already know). This recommendation has already been made by NASA.

Almost certainly the Russians, were they first on the moon, would have planted a huge Soviet flag, pictures of Lenin and Marx, and probably would have sung the USSR national anthem. I can imagine my feelings of pain, revulsion, and despair if this actually had happened. Such a display demonstrates the worst, most isolationist, self-destructing nationalism!

Is this the image America wants?

Sincerely,

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