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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1991

Dear General Abrahamson:

Thank for your kind letter of December 21 inviting me to join you and your colleagues for the Goddard Memorial Symposium scheduled for March 15 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. I apologize for the much belated response.

I am happy to accept your invitation but must caution you that occasionally I have to cancel engagements at the last moment due to Presidential scheduling that requires my presence. I sincerely hope that this does not happen.

As the time of the symposium approaches, please apprise us of the details for the event. The date is on my calendar and I hope that I will be available to be with you during this special time.

I am pleased that you thought of me and look forward to the occasion.

Sincerely yours,



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Goddard Memorial Symposium

"Humans and Machines in Space: The Vision, the
Challenge, the Payoff"

March 15-Friday

Washington, D.C.

J. A. Abrahamson

The letter asks you to address the third session,
on payoffs, which Abrahamson is chairing. (Jim Beggs
and J.R. Thompson are chairing the first two.) Michelle
highly recommends that you accept this event.

YES

NO

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December 21, 1990

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Dr. Bromley:

The Goddard Memorial Symposium will take place from March 13-15, 1991. The symposium is associated with the award of the Goddard Memorial Trophy and adds substance to that event. It will occur at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The theme of this symposium is Humans and Machines in Space: The Vision, The Challenge, The Payoff. There will be three sessions. The first session chaired by James Beggs, former NASA Administrator, will aim at the vision, the second session chaired by J. R. Thompson, the NASA Deputy Administrator, talking about the technical challenge, and my session which will occur from 8:30AM to noon on Friday morning (March 15) will deal with the payoff.

I believe this session, the payoff, can help to raise our sights and add meaning and support to the President's space initiatives. I hope to provide speakers who will authoritatively the reasons for our expenditure and endeavor in space. The presentations will include a look at new science, educational gains, technology gains, economic potential, societal implications, and our readiness to move forward into the future. There is no one who can speak on the new dimensions of science and the relationship of space science to terrestrial sciences as you can.

I remember when you were first nominated for your present position and the reports reflected your interest in small science and experiments, as well as, some of the massive undertakings that are presently leading us forward. If you would be willing to come and use this platform to emphasize your overall view of space science and help us to appreciate the payback for all of us on Earth, it will be a great service to us.

I recognize you receive many requests of this kind ... probably too many to respond to, but the Annual Goddard Symposium is a special one and this is a critical, transitional time for the President's program and the Nation.

Thank you for your consideration, I sincerely hope you can accept.

Sincerely,


J. A. Abrahamson

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