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Dear Skip,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Jack Flannery and me Monday to discuss further our mutual interests and concerns about America's space programs. We believe a key element to the solution for broader renewed public support is education--particularly in using space to enhance K-12 education and to stimulate young people's interest in math and science.

Enclosed is a packet describing the Aerospace Education Alliance we discussed and the Apollo dollar coin project that has potential to fund the Alliance's education program. This project, unlike most, would generate revenue for the government as well as privately fund the development of the program we are pursuing.

We would deeply appreciate your help in getting the necessary legislative sponsorship lined up. It would seem highly appropriate for the President to sign this legislation at a function with the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Astronauts present July 20 and have the coins actually minted next year.

Also enclosed is a copy of the "Commitment to Our Nation on Space" that is currently being signed by more than twenty bipartisan space support organizations to demonstrate the broad constituency of Americans strongly dedicated to keeping this nation in the forefront of space exploration. We presented a similar document to President Bush at the White House as part of the 20th anniversary of Apollo. Our objective is to reinforce and renew this commitment directly to the President or Vice President during the upcoming 25th anniversary recognition at some appropriate opportunity. We will appreciate your advice on how best to make this happen.

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Your suggestions about INTERNET and getting involved with the Department of Education were most helpful. We will follow up on both of them.

Again, thanks for your continued interest and support as we work with the other space and education organizations toward making America's future as promising as it can be. We will stay in touch to make these things happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. MacLeod", is written over the typed name.

Richard P. MacLeod
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A COMMITMENT TO THE NATION ON SPACE

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*e believe bold and deliberate
exploration and development of
Space benefits all humanity and
that the United States must continue to be a
leader in this process. To do otherwise is to
default on our visionary and heroic
Aviation and Space heritage.*

*Therefore, we the undersigned, representing
a cohesive community of support for the
advancement of space activities, pledge to
work together toward these ends.*
