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Academician M. V. Keldysh
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Dear Academician Keldysh:

The President's Space Task Group established to review United States long-range goals in space has now submitted its report to President Nixon. For the past eight months the Task Group has furnished a forum for discussions with U.S. government agencies, with Congress, and with invited participants from industry, universities, professional societies, and the public. Thus, the report provides a substantial basis for informed discussion of the future direction of the United States space program.

I am sending you a copy of both the Space Task Group Report to the President and of NASA's more detailed Report to the Space Task Group. I believe that you will be interested in reviewing them in the light of Soviet future space planning. Perhaps they will suggest to you, as they do to me, possibilities for moving beyond our present very limited cooperation to space undertakings in which the Soviet Union and the United States could undertake major complementary tasks to the benefit of both our countries.

If these reports lead you to believe that this is desirable, and if you also feel that there may now be some reasonable chance for progress in this direction, I would be pleased to initiate discussions with you to that end. I believe that many people in the USSR and the USA, and in other nations around the

world, would welcome closer cooperation in man's exploration and use of space.

I should be very happy to have you visit Washington, or I would be glad to visit the Soviet Union, to initiate preliminary discussions of a formal or informal, public or private character, as you prefer.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed
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