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Honorable Hans Mark
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Dear Dr. Mark:

Continuing development of new technologies applicable to space systems portend significant increases in the military, economic, and political uses of space. I believe that those organizations which have a major interest in the future of foreign or domestic space activities would profit from increased interchange of information and ideas.

As a step in that direction, I propose that a colloquium on future space technologies and systems be held with sponsorship by the military, civil, and intelligence communities. I propose that the participants be limited to about 50 and to the most knowledgeable persons involved in future space technologies and systems. The colloquium will be held for two to three days in May or June at a codeword level of classification. I offer the facilities of the CIA building for the meeting.

I believe that the colloquium would benefit significantly from sponsorship at a senior level, and I request that you join [redacted] and me as sponsors. Our primary contribution will be to encourage participation by the best people within our respective communities. We should also meet at least once to provide overall guidance for the planning, and each of us should attend at least part of the colloquium itself.

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[redacted] and [redacted] of the Space Systems Division of CIA are developing the plans for the colloquium and will be in touch with you.

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Sincerely,

/s/ B. R. Inman

B. R. INMAN
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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