

May 19, 1961

Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jerry:

Thanks for your letter of April 26th including the list of space scientists. I am enclosing the original marked to show those who are working with NASA--which includes all of them. Also, for your information, I am enclosing a circular showing the membership of our Space Sciences Steering Committee and Subcommittee.

In connection with the quite large expansion of our program, I am certain we must increase the capacity of our American scientific community and particularly our universities to back up this program. I have written Bruno Rossi that I hoped he could stop by to see me, this in line with your suggestion that he had been very helpful to Senator Kerr and could be to me. Also, some time ago I wrote Jerrold Kecherian to come to see me when he is in town. Beyond this, I have talked on the telephone with Lloyd Berkner and expect to spend some time with him between May 27th and June 15th, when he will be in town. All in all, I think we will be moving rapidly toward something that can tie in with the National Science Foundation, the National Academy of Sciences, and others concerned to help carry our part of the load of building the scientific back-up.

Further, you know I have asked Hugh Dryden to give a good deal of attention to how we work with the international scientific community. I am hopeful that he will be able to travel abroad to keep in touch with the most able men and I will ask him to prepare a suggested program for the coming year.

With highest regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed By
James E. Webb
Administrator

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