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Dear Dr. Von Braun:

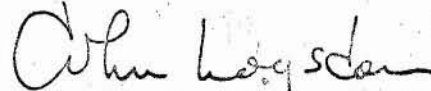
Several weeks ago I wrote to you requesting permission to quote your memorandum to Vice-President Johnson of April 29, 1961 suggesting means of accelerating the national space program. Your reply, as I understand it through conversations with the NASA Historical Office in Washington, was that you could not grant such permission without White House clearance. Acting on this reply, I wrote to Dr. Welsh of the Space Council requesting such clearance.

I understand that Dr. Welsh has sent you a copy of his reply to me. If I interpret his letter correctly, he has said that I may paraphrase, but not quote directly, your memo; I would thus like to request permission to do that. As I mentioned in my first letter, the NASA historical archives contain a copy of your memo, so all I need is your consent, not the memo itself.

I might add, so there is no later misunderstanding, that I have obtained from another source a copy of President Kennedy's April 20 memorandum; thus, in accordance with Dr. Welsh's wishes, I will not be using your memo as a source for reconstructing President Kennedy's communication. I mentioned this to Dr. Welsh today and he said that the disposition of your memorandum, in that case, is strictly up to you.

I am sorry to be bothering you with this request, but I am sure that you understand that from a historical point of view your recommendations as reflected in this memo are basic to an account of the lunar landing decision.

Sincerely yours,



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