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The Honorable James E. Webb
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Webb:

Realizing that there are many memorials to the late Mr. Kennedy being planned in this country, I hesitate to add another suggestion. However, I feel strongly enough to advance such a suggestion to you anyway, with the hope that you will consider it.

As you well know, Mr. Kennedy first publicly announced the decision of the United States to land a man on the moon. Since, by this bold decision, he committed this country to this magnificent project, he most surely stands out as its great proponent.

Therefore, I respectfully propose for your consideration, the naming of the first LEM that lands on the moon, the "John Fitzgerald Kennedy". I know that you will agree that this vehicle will have a historical significance even greater than that of Columbus' flagship.

Hoping to have the favor of your opinion on the above, and wishing you a serene Christmas, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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Director of Washington Operations

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