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February 29, 1972

Dear Dr. von Braun,

Sincere congratulations on your 60th birthday.
I wish you many more happy and healthy returns.

To me it appears like yesterday, when we celebrated your 25th birthday in Kummersdorf. During the celebration you also talked about "future projects" concerning rockets for space travel. Today we all know that these by you at that time outlined "future projects" have been carried out with such great success.

I am very grateful to you for having given me the opportunity to help working on those fascinating problems during all those years.

Good luck to you for many more years to come.

Very truly yours,

William A. Schulze
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It's great to be 60 *)

thanks for remembering me

Wernher von Braun

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*) It was also great to be 25 or so,
when we started working together.



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Dear Marshall Retiree:

March 23, 1972, marks Dr. Wernher von Braun's sixtieth birthday. We believe it would be appropriate to observe the occasion with an interesting and lasting memento of the anniversary from the former director's erstwhile co-workers. Hopefully it would be presented to Dr. von Braun in Huntsville on his birthday or another date close to it.

We have decided that this remembrance take the form of a bound volume of letters from people with whom Dr. von Braun worked closely throughout his years in the United States. The volume is to be titled, "X+60 and Counting." This is your invitation to participate if you so desire by writing a letter for inclusion in the book.

It is easy to imagine that congratulatory letters could sound very much the same, there being only a limited number of ways to say "Happy Birthday." To avoid this stereotype impression, we ask that each writer recall in his letter some occasion, event, conversation or humorous incident in which the writer and Dr. von Braun were involved or witnesses to, which would recall memories to Dr. von Braun and his family.

Since these letters are to be bound in hard cover, a certain format must be observed.

* Letters should be one page only.

* Typed (preferred) or written on an 8x10-1/2 inch letterhead or bond paper. Since these are to be bound into a book, it is important that the letterhead or paper be not smaller than 8x10-1/2 inches and not larger than 8-1/2x11 inches, and that there be a one and one-half (1-1/2) inch margin at the left of the page.

* Mailed flat, not folded, backed up with cardboard to avoid crushing in the mail.

If you desire to participate, we would need your letter by February 29 in order to collate the material and have it suitably bound. Your submission should be sent to:

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We hope we will hear from you.

Sincerely,

Eberhard Rees

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Director