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To: Dr. William Thornton, M.D.,  
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Dear Dr. Thornton,

A few weeks ago my father told me that you were at Del Mar and that he had talked with you. I was sorry that Phil Kemp, V-Pres. of Junior NASA, and I were not able to see you again but I understand how busy you must be.

I am sorry that I haven't written you (since last November I think) But I've had a tremendous amount of schoolwork. Phil and I had to put off Jr. NASA for a while because of schoolwork. Phil has been flying scale model rockets in meets and has won several awards. I'm taking up gymnastics at school and am learning to fly in a Cessna 150 and am almost solo now. In the meantime we try to keep Jr. NASA going strong. Last December Phil and I tried many times to get through to you by phone at Manned Spacecraft Center and finally left a Christmas message for you. We don't really know what you have and have not received of the letters and newspapers we sent you. The last we ever heard of or about you was your letter of September 29, 1967 when you sent us your check for subscription to our newspaper. We hoped you received everything.

When my father saw you he said that you said if we were in the Houston area that you would try to arrange a good tour of the Manned Spacecraft Center. My parents said that my father and I could be in Houston on the week of August 24th, 1969 and I would like to ask you if you could arrange a good tour (that I really hope would include the Astronaut Office Building). We also would like to drive out to San Antonio and visit with you again. If you have the time I really would like to see you. Say, when are you going to make your first spaceflight? I see in my NASA press releases that the Group 5 Astronauts are being selected as Apollo backups and support teams. When you get to the moon would you bring back a little of that green cheese for me?

If you have some photographs of yourself could you send Phil and I a copy? We managed to get some lithographs of your group and my dad took one to Del Mar where they posted it on one of the boards.

I would like to wish you all the success in the world and wherever else you may be. Thank you so much for your help. I hope to see you this August (if not sooner.)

Sincerely yours,

*Jim Sakaly*  
Jim Sakaly

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*P.S. Dear Dr Thornton,  
If there are any questions  
Please call collect 398-4843.  
Thanks for everything  
Good Luck, God Speed  
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