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Dear Dr. Berry:

I am a senior in biophysics at the Ohio State University and am interested in a career in space medicine. Dr. Harold Ellingson of this university was kind enough to discuss with me some options in fields of graduate study and institutions, and indicated that most schools could provide the training in, say, physiology or biophysics to qualify one for such a career. However, he suggested that the University of Texas Health Sciences Center might be especially suited to the task, due both to your presence and proximity to the Johnson Space Center. Thus, I am writing to you for advice.

Does the Health Sciences Center offer training in space medicine? If so, is it available to a non-M.D.? Are there other schools which might offer opportunities in such training? Finally, are some fields of research in the life sciences likely to experience more rapid growth than others with the advent of the Space Shuttle and the Spacelab?

Thank you for your time and cooperation. Any enlightenment will be greatly appreciated.

> Sincerely, John B. Charles