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TODAY WE ARE ONE WEEK AWAY FROM THE FIRST LAUNCH IN THE NEXT SIGNIFICANT INCREMENT IN MAN'S EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE LIVING AND WORKING IN SPACE. IT IS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AND VITALLY NECESSARY STEP IN OUR PLANNING FOR FUTURE FLIGHTS. INDEED, THE FUTURE OF MANNED SPACE FLIGHT IS DEPENDENT ON THESE RESULTS. I WANT YOU TO KNOW OF MY PERSONAL INTEREST AND MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR DEVOTION TO THE MEDICAL OBJECTIVES OF THIS FLIGHT EVIDENCED NOT ONLY BY YOUR COOPERATION WITH THE MEDICAL TEAM BUT BY YOUR HELP TO THEM. THE TRAINING AND PREFLIGHT PREPARATION HAVE BEEN DEMANDING AND UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE CAUSED PERSONAL SACRIFICE TO THE MISSION GOALS PARTICULARLY IN REGARDS TO THE HEALTH STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND THE CORRECTION OF NECESSARY BASELINE DATA. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR PERFORMANCE AND ASSURE YOU IT IS MOST WORTHWHILE AND VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION'S PRESENCE IN SPACE. JOE, YOU HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN BEING THE FIRST US PHYSICIAN TO PARTICIPATE. ALL WILL BE WATCHING TO SEE THE EFFECT AND VALUE OF YOUR PRESENCE. MY THOUGHTS ARE ESPECIALLY WITH YOU AND I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP IN ANY WAY YOU DEEM NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE. IN ADMIRATION AND GOD SPEED YOUR RETURN.

**CHARLES A. BERRY, MD**  
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