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Dr. William Thorton  
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Dear Dr. Thorton:

The University of Michigan has many involvements with this Nation's space program, not the least of which is the fact that all three of the prime crew for the Apollo 15 mission are University of Michigan alumni. The Department of Aerospace Engineering at The University of Michigan is proud of this fact and feels that proper recognition is due.

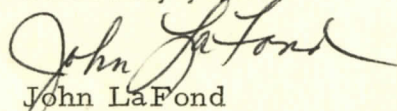
This mission, along with the other manned spacecraft flights, is indeed exciting for us--so much so, in fact, that a group of us, faculty and alumni, have chartered an aircraft and obtained viewing passes to view the Apollo 15 launch.

On Saturday evening, July 24, a social get-together is planned at the Ramada Inn East Reception Center in Orlando from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. to allow the members of our trip to get acquainted. We would like to extend to you and your wife an invitation to attend this party. We feel that this get-together will be an excellent opportunity for us to share the interest and enthusiasm we all have for our Nation's space program.

If you can attend, please feel free either to call one of the phone numbers listed below or drop me a line. We are all very excited about the upcoming mission; we hope you can be with us Saturday evening.

Thank you for your time. We shall await your hopefully affirmative response.

Sincerely yours,



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