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Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

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Doctor James Gamme  
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Dear Doctor Gamme:

On 9 February 1959 the School of Aviation Medicine, USAF will commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Department of Space Medicine at the School of Aviation Medicine, USAF. This we believe to have been a very famous first and to merit celebration.

As you may remember, the members of this Department were first to delineate many of the problems of space flight. They were first to point out a means for simulating weightlessness through use of the now well known parabolic flight pattern; first to develop a space cabin simulator. It is here that a Professorship of Space Medicine was first established, the position presently held by Doctor Hubertus Strughold, Advisor for Research.

The occasion will be celebrated by a tour of the School of Aviation Medicine facilities for Space Medical and Space Biological research. Later a series of papers will be presented by the founding group. A tentative program is attached.

As you have in many ways demonstrated your interest in the achievement of manned space flight, and as you have made contributions toward this goal, we would like very much to invite you to attend. Should you find it possible to accept, we will be happy to aid you with your reservations and will furnish any other information you may need.

As our numbers must be limited, will you please let us hear from you as soon as possible?

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely

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