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Dear Bill:

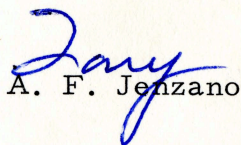
Between now and July we plan to have four lectures (Scientific American level) at U.N.C. in conjunction with the program described on the attached article copy. It is hoped that we can get Von Braun for late February; you to talk about multi-disciplinary space-related science in mid March; Condon and someone else to debate UFO's in early May, and Fonnamperuna to talk about "Life on Mars" in late May.

If we are successful, the total program, which has been unofficially accepted by NASA to start in September, will be launched to a good beginning.

This letter is only to (1) petition your acceptance of this invitation to participate; (2) to inquire if I should also/instead enter formal request through some specific NASA office if you do; (3) advise you that your travel expenses, per diem and honorarium will be funded by us; and (4) to express our firm conviction that in accepting you would give immeasurable impetus to this vitally important NASA-UNC Multi-Disciplinary Research Program.

With high hope that you can arrange for a favorable response, we all send to you our fondest, warm regards.

Sincerely,


A. F. Jenzano

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Enclosure