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William E. Thornton, M.D.
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
Astronaut Office, Code CB
Houston, Texas 77058

Dear Dr. Thornton:

Your CV and letter to Dr. Powell was referred to me regarding your interest in continued association with the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). Currently UTMB, in co-operation with NASA, is in the process of developing a Space Medicine fellowship. This is a two year fellowship involving a total of four fellows who are board certified in either Internal Medicine, Family practice, Psychiatry, Surgery, etc. The fellowship is to develop expertise and research skills in the area of Space Medicine. The fellows will also be exposed to the operational side of space flight medicine. We are currently working with Drs. Billica, Pool, and the USRA in the development of our fellowship. NASA has approved our association and we are now embarking on the arduous task of curriculum development for July 1993. I am sure you could be of great assistance in this endeavor and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Blackwell".

Thomas A. Blackwell, M.D.
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Program Director, Internal Medicine
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xc: Dr. Powell