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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77058

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Captain William E. Thornton, Jr.
5131 Lancelot Drive
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Dear Captain Thornton:

The final phase of the Scientist/Astronaut Selection Program is now scheduled for Houston, Texas, during the first two weeks of June. The trip to Houston will involve approximately two days for each candidate. The principal activity will be the interview by the Selection Committee.

You are scheduled for Houston on Thursday, June 8. Your travel will be authorized and orders prepared by the U. S. Air Force. Your expenses will be paid by the National Aeronautics & Space Administration and should be submitted on Travel Voucher form SF-1012 to me along with a copy of your military orders. You may obtain these vouchers during your trip to Houston. You will be scheduled to arrive in Houston on the day preceding your interview date. Please notify me regarding your actual arrival time. You may leave following completion of the scheduled activities on June 8 or the following day. Return travel arrangements may be made through our travel office after your arrival or you may schedule your own return in advance for June 9.

When you arrive at Houston International Airport, you should go immediately to the Continental Airlines Presidents' Club which is located near the Continental desk. At the club, you should ask for Mr. Ed Barker, a member of the Manned Spacecraft Center Protocol Staff. Mr. Barker will arrange to get your luggage and provide you with transportation to the motel where you will be staying. The motel is located near the Center.

May I caution you again about the discretionary disclosure of the purpose of your trip. Particularly, while in Houston, you should avoid reference to the Program except to knowledgeable representatives of the Center. We will appreciate your cooperation in avoiding unnecessary publicity at this time.

I'm looking forward to seeing you here in Houston. If you experience difficulties with your travel, do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Row
Personnel Management Specialist