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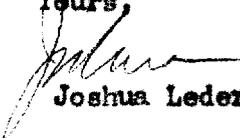
Dear Dean:

The enclosed material should be self-explanatory, and I assume you want to keep up to date.

The Air Force is really moving in: The University just received a solicitation for research contract proposals for any of a number of biosatellite proposals, and also for a project "to deposit a 15-lb. experiment on the surface of the moon, to be left there for several years, and recovered by a lunar exploration party!" Performance mandatory within one year. "The experiment must be designed in such a way as to distinguish the effects of cosmic rays from weightlessness" (SIC).

If you really were interested to carry further, I don't doubt you could get the facility to make a chemical analysis of moon dust, if you wanted to design the instrumentation. I'd prefer myself to wait to see if NASA or NSF won't handle projects like this on a more satisfactory basis.

Yours,


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