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Gentlemen:

In accordance with preliminary discussions with a number of you in President Fred’s office on May 13 and further discussions in Science Hall on May 19 it seems desirable to set up a committee to consider projects which the University may be qualified to undertake, and desirous of undertaking, in the field of space research. I hope you will be willing to serve on this committee. Professor Suomi has agreed to serve as chairman and Professor Gerloff as secretary.

The first meeting of the committee will be held Thursday, May 22, at 1:30 in Room 119 Science Hall. The main item of business at this meeting will be a more detailed discussion of the items which should be included in the tentative proposal for support which may be sent to the Air Force Missile Development Center before May 27.

Sincerely,

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