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Dear Josh:

The Lunar and Planetary Committee of the Space Science Board had a meeting last Monday in Washington and we endorsed your resolution with a couple of additions. You will be hearing about it, I am sure.

We were told by Dr. Nix that every effort was being made to implement it. Perhaps we do not understand exactly the details of the whole program, but believe you are principally driving for an extra stand-by flight to Mars, and Dr. Nix told us that everything was being done to put this through. However, I think it would be well if you keep watching and exerting as much pressure as you can.

With best regards,

Very sincerely,

*Harold*

Harold C. Urey

1: Thanks very much, Harold.  
The buck up is the main, tangible item now. Behind it is some greater sense of the importance of the planetary program as a whole, and the urgency of exploiting the ephemeral launch opportunities.  
Yours,  
J.