



NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20546

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REPLY TO  
ATTN: OF

Fellow Members of the Apollo Team:

I have received the following letter from President Nixon in which he said he wanted the Apollo Team to know how much this nation values the work we have done and are doing in the Apollo Program. The letter was addressed to me but the President's words were really addressed to each of you.

I am pleased to pass along the President's words which each of you has done so much to earn.

Sincerely,

Rocco A. Petrone  
Apollo Program Director

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1972

Dear Dr. Petrone:

As we approach the final countdown for Apollo 16, I want you and all the men and women of Apollo to know how much this nation values your splendid efforts. The moon flight program has captured the imagination of our times as has no other human endeavor. You and your team have, in fact, written the first chapter in the history of man's exploration of space, and all future achievements must credit all of you for having blazed the path.

Countless people throughout the world will soon be sharing with you the excitement of Apollo 16's voyage, and I know I speak for all of them in conveying to you my warmest best wishes for a safe and successful flight. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Dr. Rocco A. Petrone  
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