

October 6, 1966

Dear Mr. President:

This letter will introduce astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Richard F. Gordon to you. They come to Brazil at my request as good will emissaries, bringing to you and to the Brazilian people my own warm greetings and the best wishes of my countrymen. Their achievements in exploring outer space belong not only to the United States but to the entire Hemisphere. We all can take pride in what they have accomplished.

I am particularly pleased that they will be in Brazil as you celebrate aviation week, commemorating your country's notable and continuing achievements in aviation, and, now, in space research as well. The Brazilian National Commission on Space Activities is making major contributions to the study of the world of space. We are proud of the splendid cooperation between the Commission and our National Aeronautics and Space Administration in meteorological research from the Natal rocket range, in the preparations for the study of the solar eclipse next November, and in other scientific activities.

I take the occasion of the visit of the two astronauts to stress our dedication to the peaceful use of outer space under a rule of law and to the sharing of the knowledge we have gathered with the world scientific community. I know that Brazil shares these aims.

Through the presence of the astronauts the American people once more express the great esteem in which we hold Brazil and the importance we attach to the ties between our two countries.

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With renewed expressions of friendship,

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Humberto de Alencar Castello Branco
President of the Republic of the
United States of Brazil.

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