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HOME AND WELL DONE TO ASTRONAUTS PLEASE

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THE SAFE RETURN OF THE APOLLO 13 ASTRONAUTS - JAMES LOVELL FRED
HAISE AND JOHN SWIGERT - HAS WARMED THE HEARTS OF EVERYONE THE
WORLD OVER. WE THANK GOD FOR HIS HELPING HAND WHICH WAS EXTENDED
THROUGHOUT THE ORDEAL. PEOPLE EVERYWHERE OFFER THEIR HUMBLE TRIBUTE
TO YOU AND ALL OF NASA AND TO THE MANY OTHERS IN SUPPORT ORGANIZA-
TIONS IN PROVIDING FOR THE MANY CONTINGENCY NEEDS IN THE SPACECRAFT
BY WHICH EVEN UNDER EXTREMELY ADVERSE CONDITIONS THE CREW WAS
RETURNED. THE PERFORMANCE OF MISSION CONTROL CENTER WAS MAGNIFICENT
IN PROVIDING THE INFORMATION AND CHARTING THE TRUE COURSE FOR THEIR
RETURN. WE REJOICE WITH YOU AND ALL MANKIND IN THE SAFE RETURN OF
THE ASTRONAUTS TO THEIR FAMILIES.

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I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS UNSURMOUNTABLE JOBS

OF ENGINEERING TO CONQUER EACH PROBLEM. WHATEVER THE RESULT

YOU HAVE DONE MORE THAN WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. IT IS IN GODS

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SEE A MISSION THRU GOOD LUCK

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TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF ALL
HUMANITY I AM ENJOYING THE GREAT HAPPINESS OF THE RETURN TO
THE EARTH OF THE COURAGEOUS MEN AND THE REST OF THE PERSONS

THAT MADE THIS HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT POSSIBLE
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THE PROFESSIONALISM COOLNESS AND CAPABILITY DISPLAYED BY OUR

ASTRONAUTS AND YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES DURING THE APOLLO 13

MISSION IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO ALL OF US AT TRW SYSTEMS.

CONGRATULATIONS ON AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE MSC TEAM ON YOUR
TERRIFIC PERFORMANCE IN BRINGING BACK THE APOLLO 13
CREW. IT PROVES YOU CAN, I BEAT GOOD TEAM WORK AND
PRAYERS.

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ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU
AND ALL THE OTHER MAGNIFICENT MEN DOWN THERE ON THE SPLENDID
JOB YOU DID IN GUIDING AND HELPING TO BRING OUR MEN BACK
HOME SAFELY.

JOHN C. HOUBOLT
AERONATICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES OF PRINCETON INC.,

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ASTONAUTAFFAIRS OFFICE NASA MAN SPACECRAFT CENTER HOU
THERE IS NO GREATER TRIUMPH THAN ONE WHICH IS ACHIEVED OVER
ADVERSITY. WPOLLO 13 AND THE BRAVE MEN WHO BROUGHT HER HOME
HAVE PROVED TO THE WORLD THAT MAN THROUGH HIS OWN RESOURCEFULNESS
CAN CONQUOR THE HAZARDS OF SPACE TRAVEL. THIS IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT
IN THE ANNALS OF SPACE HISTORY AND YOUR COURGE WILL BE LONG
REMEMBERED. OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN WITH YOU CONSTANTLY AND WE
ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MAGNIFICENT VICTORY

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SUBJECT, APOLLO 13 FLIGHT

ON BEHALF OF OUR PRESIDENT ROYDEN C. SANDERS OUR SATURN V
PROGRAM MANAGER DON JOYCE AND SOME 9600 EMPLOYEES I WOULD
LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULA-
TIONS ON A MASTERPIECE OF BRILLIANT ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT
IN THE SAFE RETURN OF THE CREW OF THE ODYSSEY.

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TO LOVELL, SWIEGERT AND HAISE. WE STUDENTS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
OUR FEELINGS BY PRAYING FOR YOUR SA RETURN OUR PRAYERS
THE STUDENTS OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL.

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TO OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR NASA MSC HOUSTON TX

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UNCLAS ATTN DR. CHRISTOPHER C. KRAFT, JR. DEPUTY DIRECTOR

I UNDERSTAND AND SHARE YOUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN WITH

APOLLO 13. IF OUR RESOURCES CAN BE OF ANY POSSIBLE

USE TO YOU IN ANY MANNER WHATEVER, PLEASE DON T

HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW. THEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY

AVAILABLE TO YOU.

SIGNED "K" HURTT VICE PRESIDENT MANNED SPACE SYSTEMS

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GEORGE H. STONER
GROUP VICE PRESIDENT
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Dear Chris:

My heartfelt congratulations and thanks go out to you and the team at Houston for your successful recovery of an extremely dangerous situation occasioned by the explosion in the service module on Apollo 13. Mr. T. A. Wilson, the Boeing President, has expressed to Dr. Paine the willingness of Boeing to contribute in any conceivable way that NASA might desire for correcting the aftermath of the incident.

I write this letter primarily to express my admiration and appreciation for the manner in which you personally set the tone for reporting events through the television and other communication media. I could hardly believe the poor taste and even rudeness with which many of the network commentators pressed you and the flight controllers and the astronauts for judgments and evaluations far beyond matters pertinent to the crisis of the moment. My admiration goes out to you and Jim McDivitt, Pete Conrad, Frank Borman, Tom Stafford, Sig Sjoberg, Glynn Lunney and others in your organization, all of whom did a masterful job of sticking to the facts, insofar as they were known, while maintaining an atmosphere of considered and controlled handling and reporting of a tense situation.

You gentlemen kept your "cool" under some of the most intense aggravation I have ever seen from the communication media. You, your whole team, and the flight crew emerged as superb professionals. This fact, far above any other circumstance associated with Apollo 13, will enhance the future of space flight and the image of NASA with the public.

My warmest thanks.

Sincerely,



George H. Stoner

Mr. Christopher C. Kraft
Deputy Director
Manned Spacecraft Center
Houston, Texas 77058

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TO SIMULATE THE APOLLO 13 ENVIRONMENT. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU
SET UP AN IDENTICAL APOLLO LEM, COMMAND MODULE AND SERVICE
MODULE. CONDITIONS WITH TRAINED ASTRONAUTS. BY STAYING 12 TO
15 HOURS AHEAD OF THE REAL SITUATION, YOU CAN EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES

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MAY GOD IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM GUIDE AND DIRECT YOU AND YOUR
STAFF DURING TIMES OF CONCERNING DECISIONS MADE FOR THE SAFE
RETURN OF ALL THREE ASTRONAUTS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL GIVING YOU
NEEDED STRENGTH

ELEANOR MERRILL AND MRS HELEN TILLMAN

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April 17th, 1970

Dear Sir;

I am but one of the many millions of people all over the world who watched and listened and prayed for the safe return of Apollo 13's crew members, James A. Lovell Jr., Fred W. Haise Jr., and John L. Swigert Jr.. Except for a few tense and uncertain moments I was sure Mission Control and all the thousands of other people who were associated with the mission that they would have a safe and complete recovery. I am so proud of my country and Mission Control that I could just burst. In the world of turmoil and strife and disbelief in the things our country stands for and the principles and ideas that are so tremendously facing us in every day life that when something like this happens it brings us back to sanity and reality. GOD BLESS YOU and all concerned

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CHRIS SHORT, FLIGHT DIRECTOR

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THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

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LAST MONDAY OVER ARMED FORCES RADIO. SLEEPLES PRAYFUL
NIGHT ONLY PROVED THAT PEOLPE LIKE YOU AND YOUR
SUPERBLY TRAINED CREWS OFFERED THE WHOLE WORLD A
CHANCE TO KNOW THAT ONLY IN THESE UNITED STATES CAN WE
DEPEND ON THE BEST FROM EVERYONE INVOLVED. WE OF KOTEEBUE
ALASKA WANT TO BE AMONG THOSE THROUGHTOUT THE
WORLD TO OFFER OUR CONGRAULATIONS TO YOU, YOUR STAFF,
AND THE OUTSTANDING APPOLLO CREW. ABOVE ALL ELSE TO
THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN WE ARE PRAYFULLY GLAD THEY

ARE HOME. WE WANT YOU TO KEEP THIS MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAM
GOING AHEAD.

MRS. JOE WALSH MAYOR KOZEBUE ALASKA.

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