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The Chief Justice of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chief Justice:

By way of introduction, I have met you several times on official and unofficial occasions in Pasadena, Sacramento, Washington, at Copenhagen last year, and at a myriad of gatherings. Instead of burdening your memory, I believe it is best to introduce myself by enclosing my curriculum vitae, which I hope you will scan at your convenience.

I am writing to request a favor of you which I believe has some real importance in the field of international public relations.

The International Astronautical Federation, of which I am General Counsel, will hold its XIIIth Annual Congress in Washington, D. C. on October 2-7, 1961. Previous Congresses have been held as follows: 1950, Paris; 1951, London; 1952, Stuttgart; 1953, Zurich; 1954, Innsbruck; 1955, Copenhagen; 1956, Rome; 1957, Barcelona; 1958, Amsterdam; 1959, London; 1960, Stockholm.

A booklet describing the IAF membership is enclosed. Also enclosed [because of their currency] are proofs from a pending United States Senate publication showing the affiliations of the IAF and a bibliography of references on the legal problems of space exploration. You will find my own contributions listed on proofs 15 through 17. I send this bibliography to you because I am sure you will be interested to know of the widespread interest in the subject of space law.

I hope I have adequately introduced the International Astronautical Federation, and I now turn to an activity of the IAF, namely, the International Institute of Space Law, which is a component Institute of the Federation. To provide you with additional information and to complete the picture, I also enclose:

- (1) Photostatic copy of the IAF Presidium for the year 1961.
- (2) Photostatic copy of a list of members of the International Institute of Space Law.

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- (3) List of members of the Executive Committee of the International Institute of Space Law.
- (4) Copy of list of members of the Working Groups of the International Institute of Space Law.

Having advised you, Mr. Chief Justice, of our personnel and organizational background, I would now like to tell you something of the former meetings of the International Institute of Space Law, and of the favor I am going to ask of you.

The First Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space, given at that time under the auspices of the Permanent Legal Committee of the IAF [now the International Institute of Space Law] was held on August 29, 1958, at The Rozaal, in The Hague; the Second Colloquium was held on September 4, 1959, in the Great Hall of Lincoln's Inn, in London; the Third Colloquium, which was to have been held in the historic Hall of Justice in Stockholm, was unfortunately changed. Those of us in the United States who are in charge of the arrangements for the Fourth Colloquium desire to follow the pattern established in The Hague and in London, and this is a matter deeply affecting our national pride. We expect at least fifty of the most eminent lawyers of Europe and Asia to attend the meeting and we should have an equal number of North and South American lawyers. We will have four sessions, morning and afternoon, on October 3 and 4. The favor we ask of you is really two-fold: first, that you open the sessions at 10:00 o'clock on Tuesday morning, October 3, and second, that you permit our sessions to be held in Conference Rooms A and B at the Supreme Court Building, or in any other rooms in which conferences might be held.

We can limit the length of the conferences to any period of time directed by the Custodian of the Supreme Court Building, and we would conform in all respects to any other regulations which might be desired.

I am sure that, as always, you will give this matter your sympathetic consideration and I hope that I have made our objective in holding these meetings in your most honored building understandable. To the great and influential lawyers from inside and outside the Iron Curtain who have attended these colloquia, the dignity of the settings at The Hague and London were impressive and of enduring international public relations value, whereas the commonplace

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setting in Stockholm was the cause of much unfavorable comment. Here in America we intensely desire to implement our national dignity by the suggestions contained in this petition.

Respectfully yours,

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Enclosures (7)

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