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WASHINGTON

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Here's a sample "package,"  
as you requested.

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Fuh Linn



## Congressman Newt Gingrich

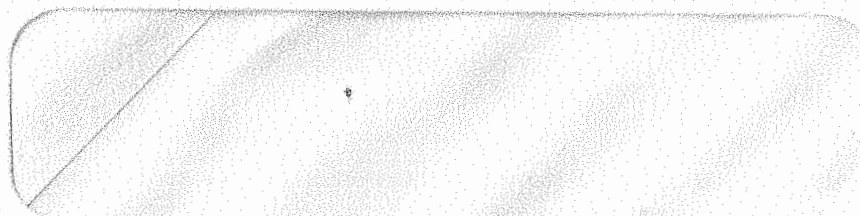
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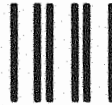
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# American Space Foundation

## \* U.S. Space Program Survey

(use # 2 pencil only)

1. Do you believe the Federal Budget for Space Exploration should be cut?

☐ YES

☐ NO

2. Do you believe the Federal Budget for space exploration should be increased?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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As your first official act as a charter member of the American Space Foundation I need your opinion.

Will you please take one minute to participate in the Foundation's special nationwide opinion survey, "The Future of the American Space Program", which I have enclosed for you.

As you know, the battle of the budget is still raging here in the Congress. And no government program is immune from close scrutiny and examination, including the space program.

I desperately need to know if you think we should cut space exploration spending.

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So please, do two things immediately: First, complete and return your membership reply form, and second, answer the important national opinion survey enclosed.

Unless I hear from you, the American Space Foundation will be unable to continue their crucial work of lobbying for a strong, active space program.

And, even as I write you today, this mission is even more important.

You see, those of us here in Congress are debating the massive \$750 billion federal budget for 1983.

(over, please)

The tiny space exploration budget of only \$7 billion is a prime target for special interests and anti-science bureaucrats.

So I think you'll agree that more than ever before those of us who support an intense and expanding space program need to band together.

So please, return your charter membership reply form and nationwide opinion survey to me today. Thank you.

Now let me tell you why, for the first time ever, pro-space forces have decided to organize here in Washington.

I'm sure that I don't have to tell you that the strength or weakness of any government program is its financial standing.

Right now the federal government is reordering priorities in spending for the next several years.

And, powerful special interest groups are each out to defend themselves from budget cuts.

The large multi-national corporations, the bureaucrats, the lawyers and the labor union bosses all have their "hired guns" lobbying here in Washington.

They have thousands of lobbyists, spending millions of dollars each year trying to influence the spending of the hundreds of billions of dollars in the federal budget.

Put bluntly, pressure from these special interests is strong. All too often I have seen them get what they demand.

In the midst of this orchestrated chorus of vocal and often shrill demands for the limited tax dollar, who has defended the American space program?

Well, until recently there was no independent lobby on Capitol Hill to defend the space program.

Every other government program seems to have a loud and vocal constituency -- all too often successfully demanding cut backs in the growth of our space program so they can get more dollars for their pet schemes.

But there is no voice to lobby for an active, vibrant and expanding American space program.

So unfortunately, each year the special interests have got their way and pro-space scientific spending has been severely neglected.

This shameful neglect has caused our country to lag further

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and further behind in scientific and technological advances.

But you probably knew that.

If the assessment I received about you is correct, then I suspect you are equally concerned about this tragic slide.

You and I, however, working together can end this national mistake.

Acting as united members of the American Space Foundation our one strong voice will be heard in Washington.

Our message will be a resounding NO to the special interests' and bureaucrats' demands.

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You and I must repel any and all attacks on the American space program.

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Remember it was only 20 years ago when President John F. Kennedy promised the world that an American would walk on the moon.

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Meanwhile, the French and Germans have their European Space Agency. While the Japanese and Chinese are teamed with their own space ventures. And they are not alone.

The Soviet Union continues to spend \$20 billion each year on their space program.

Just as our country begins to turn its back on space the rest of the world is racing full speed into space.

And it is certainly no coincidence that as our space research and development declines our ability as a country to compete with foreign technologies diminishes.

Selfish, short sighted special interests and bureaucrats are trying to end our nation's involvement in space.

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At the space program's height in 1965 over 400,000 Americans were employed directly as a result of U.S. research and development.

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Some say we can't afford even this expense.

I say we must expand, not cut our space program.

To counter space spending critics I point to the estimates that for every one dollar spent on space exploration, our nation has received fourteen dollars in return economic benefits.

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So you see, unless something is done now, anti-space forces may be successful in the battle of the budget.

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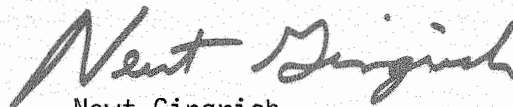
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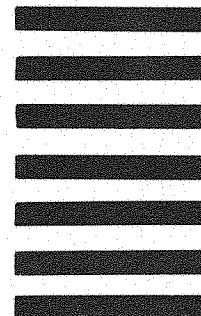
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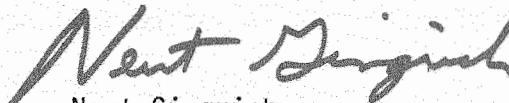
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