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Mr. Richard Slayton
Director of Astronaut Training
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Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am a freshman Engineer at the University of Colorado, in the Aerospace Engineering program. I am also an instrument rated commercial pilot presently working on my instructor's rating. My ambition is to become an astronaut (or whatever one would call a female astronaut) or, if that is not possible, to work somewhere in the astronaut training program. What I would like to know is if you think there will be a future for women in the space program, and if so, will Aerospace Engineering provide the best background or is there a better subject to study. Any information you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Marsha Ivins

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Miss Marsha Ivins
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Dear Miss Ivins:

Regarding your interest in becoming an astronaut, I believe your pursuit of an education in aerospace engineering is as good as any at this time. I do not envision needing additional astronauts for a number of years. The exact time when we would seriously consider women is indefinite, but I am sure it is inevitable. Therefore, you should continue your studies and do the best you can.

We will publicly announce a program for the selection of additional astronauts, and if you meet the criteria you should apply at that time.

Best of luck.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
D. K. SLAYTON

Donald K. Slayton
Director of Flight
Crew Operations

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