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Dear Dick:

Unavoidable delays have kept me from writing you until now -- and being the first on my stack of A.I.E. applicants, your letter is the first to be answered.

I am putting a serious proposition before you. It depends upon your choice; there are absolutely no bonds or ties to it. You may enter and leave our organization at your will. But before you apply for membership at our Denver headquarters, carefully read this letter.

You appear to be enthusiastic about the accomplishment of interplanetary flight. But ARE YOU SCIENTIST ENOUGH TO DEVOTE ALL YOUR POSSIBLE TIME TO HARD WORK WITH OTHERS OF YOUR AGE ON THE FULFILLMENT OF IT? Would you apply yourself whole-heartedly with those already at work to explore the immensities of space? We want EARNEST young fellows with backbone and initiative!

We are intensely busy upon the problem of conquering space and the exploration of neighboring planetary bodies. Travel beyond the small limits now possible is almost an accomplished fact: we intend to make it so....carve our names in History beside those of the other pioneers of science and adventure. We are determined to carry this to its accomplishment -- if possible, be the first to reach the planets. Our slogan is ON TO MARS.

We realize it will probably take years of planning, and we are off to a good start. Of course we are amateurs, tackling a mighty task unsolved as yet -- but we are young and earnest. Most of the radio was perfected by only isolated "amateurs" working on its parts -- whereas we are organized and striving on our problem, each one to an appointed phase of our work.

We need a loyal crew of fellows who are bound up in science, and who will be of real worth to us. We are constantly seeking, writing -- but we find few who are assets to our Plan, willing to do their part to make this "dream" an overwhelming reality.

Can you STICK with us in the years ahead -- experimenting, working, all to one great end --- or are you merely curious?

What science or sciences are you specially interested in -- archaeology, aeronautics, geology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, radio, mechanics, astronomy, medicine, taxidermy, biology, or any other branch or combination?

Plan, write If you are really desirous of furthering the A.I.E.

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mentioning my answer. You may request membership and ask for further material, giving all ideas you may have upon the subject.

WHAT ARE YOUR HONEST FEELINGS ABOUT IT... are you WITH us - ?

Yours for Science: ON TO MARS !

Louis Hogenmiller

P.S. I have every issue of every sci. magazine ever published, but at the present wouldn't part with them for anything. - The best way to get those you want would be to run ~~an~~ ad in TTT = good luck!