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Dear Dr. Wolff:

Arthur Ceppos gave me a copy of PATHWAYS THROUGH TO SPACE a few weeks ago, but I've been in process of moving from the East Coast to Palo Alto, so I haven't had time to even begin reading it. Arthur also gave me a copy for my employer's comments. He is Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut and sixth man on the moon. We're in -process of setting up a sort of New Age center for transformation of self/world which we hope to tie in with other light centers around the planet into a network of spiritual communities that might be sufficient to awaken consciousness throughout society and keep the world from suicide.

I'm reaching out through this letter because I respect Arthur's judgment and John Lilly's high praise. I just want to let you know we're here trying to help get it all together.

In my own write (pardon the pun), I'm editor of THE HIGHEST STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS (Doubleday-Anchor, 1972). The intro to it is in the enclosed FIELDS WITHIN FIELDS. Arthur is bringing out my second book, FRONTIERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, next spring. It, too, is an anthology. And as an employee of Ed Mitchell, I've just finished editing a huge work which Putnam's will publish next year, PSYCHIC EXPLORATION. (See encl.) In the works (on my own--not for the Institute) is a third anthology, still untitled but tentatively called WHAT IS CONSCIOUSNESS? I'd be most pleased to know if you have any unpublished essays which deal with the nature of consciousness--or if there are any sections of your books (which I've still to read) which might be appropriate for excerpting.

Praise the Star Maker,


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The Institute of Noetic Sciences was founded in early 1973 by Edgar D. Mitchell, Sc.D., former Apollo 14 astronaut and sixth man on the moon.

Dr. Mitchell believes that civilization is in a critical state and mankind is at an evolutionary crossroad. On one hand, problems and conflicts have arisen which are global in scale and have brought society to a condition of escalating planetary crises. On the other hand, man's potential for creative change, fulfillment and control of his environment has never been greater. Dr. Mitchell believes that both the problems and the potentialities are ultimately a function of human consciousness--i.e., "there will never be a better world until there are better people in it." The most efficient and enduring way to resolve the problems and realize the potentialities is through the enlightenment of individuals.

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3. Informing society about activities, developments and trends in the areas of personal and cultural transformation through all channels of communication.
4. Advising and consulting with governments, industry, science, education and other areas of society on planetary problems and their solution.
5. Consulting, supporting and coordinating with those individuals and organizations working for the transformation of human consciousness and culture in ways that are compatible with the philosophy and purposes of the Institute.

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1. Perform scientific, scholarly and other forms of investigation in theoretical and applied consciousness research.
2. Fund and support theoretical and applied consciousness research projects by individuals and groups outside the Institute.

3. Act as an information clearing house for research data and developments.

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2. Offer outside the Institute a variety of educational activities and experiences under Institute auspices or in collaboration with other individuals and groups.
3. Act as an information clearing house for educational activities, techniques, trends and new developments.

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1. Inform the public through a variety of general and specialized publications.
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EXPLORATION

PSYCHICAL RESEARCH: A CHALLENGE FOR SCIENCE

By Edgar D. Mitchell

Edited by John White

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FRONTIERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

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Dear Mr. White:

My apologies for this long delay in replying to your good letter. The work load has been unusually heavy here this summer and I have fallen far behind in my correspondence.

How encouraging that there is so much serious interest in a seeking after the Higher Consciousness! We will agree that this planet is approaching a state of crisis and this work is necessary. I am confident, for several reasons, that we shall pull out of this crisis and soon reach a new "High", but it may take the combined efforts of all who can help.

Dr. Wolff likes your article and so do I, as far as I have had time to read. We also have it in one of Dr. Muses' Journals, and I am impressed with both publications. Except, of course, for your employer, whom we respect even more knowing his interest in things of the spirit, or Consciousness, all these names are unfamiliar to me, but the titles of their works sound very interesting and I hope in time to read them.

I am enclosing some of my Bulletins containing works of Dr. Wolff, some unpublished, some as excerpts of books for which Mr. Ceppos holds the copyrights. He will bring out Vol. I of a 2-volume edition of THE Philosophy of Consciousness Without an Object about October (\$8.50). We hope also to have available this fall or winter manuscripts of some of his lectures mimeographed. I can keep you posted.

We wish you success with your good work and we hope to keep in touch.

Sincerely,