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I heartily congratulate all members of the science-industry-Army team on the launching of the Free World's first successful scientific earth satellite. I well understand their pride in this achievement and in the contribution they have made to science and to the success of the International Geophysical Year.

Now, as free men everywhere lift their gaze to Freedom's satellite may they lift their hearts and hopes also. For the satellite is clear evidence of free men's start of the exploration of space. We will continue to move forward in this exploration with the object of improving the lot of humankind everywhere and achieving the means, now at last apparently possible, of ensuring worldwide and lasting peace.

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