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Dear Mike:

Enclosed is a copy of the report on Future Unmanned Exploration of the Solar System, which I had indicated to you over the phone was almost complete. You can readily note the occasions where use was made of planetary gravity fields for trajectory shaping. I would appreciate your comments on those items specifically, as well as any comments you choose to make on the report as a whole.

I appreciated very much receiving your letter last summer. It is not very often these days that anyone takes the time to write a letter of that nature under those circumstances. It made me feel a little more that the battle is sometimes worth the effort.

We will surely have a chance to chat again sometime at a technical meeting or otherwise. In the meantime, I will, one of these weeks, get around to the question of the use of unconventional trajectories in manned operations, and will send you my opinions on the subject at that time.

Thanks once more for your letter of last summer.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure