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To the Editorial Staff of Reason:

The International Society of Free Space Colonizers is indeed flattered to have been mentioned no less than twice (Bruce Ramsay's letter in October and Greg Baron in the December issue) in a major organ of libertarian thought. We are somewhat puzzled but not overly impressed with Bruce Ramsay's unprovoked attempt to misrepresent our organization. Envy for our ability to use the media to good advantage hardly seems like a libertarian trait. It is interesting in the light of Mr. Ramsay's experience as a sometime journalist, that he should be so quick to draw from the hip without ever having attended one of our numerous public meetings, or even attempted to interview the officers or members of the ISFSC.

One could suspect that Mr. Ramsay may not know much more about Ayn Rand or the libertarian movement than he does about the ISFSC to have uttered such assinine crypto-collectivist pleadings to watch our "image" and love mass transit.

Mr. Ramsay's association with the University of Washington Daily, a rag distinctive only for the outdated ferocity with which it naively continues to pump its altruist-collectivist-statist sludge, may have intimidated or otherwise motivated him to appease those shrill movements of the moment.

However, there are those of us who will aspire for nothing less than the stars without feeling the slightest inhibition from the squeals of mud-bound savages.

The ISFSC is based on the idea that life in outer space represents the ultimate aspiration of a freedom seeking individual and offers the greatest possibility in the future for the establishment of truly libertarian societies. However, the ISFSC is not a crackpot, escapist organization as Mr. Ramsay would intone; it is profoundly concerned with the promotion of libertarian ideals and the establishment of a free society both on and off this planet.

Since the founding of the SFSC (now the ISFSC) in March 1972, we have been painfully aware of the mounting obstacles to private enterprise in space. Paul Siegler's recent article "Free Space" (Reason, July 1974) not only documents the feasibility of viable enterprise in space but also the existence of considerable government interference with this effort. Establishing free colonies in space is going to require a long and arduous struggle. Libertarians would do well to consider that space technology may become extremely critical for survival on this

this planet in the near future.

Although our mission is not directly political, we are strongly committed to actively supporting the Libertarian Party and other friendly movements.

Our actions via the libertarian movement have already spoken for our intent. The SFSC accounted for thirty-five of the one hundred and thirteen signatures required to place the Libertarian Party on the ballot in the state of Washington.

During the campaign, SFSC members accounted for the bulk of the legwork. Over 25 thousand leaflets were distributed and several thousand persons were directly contacted.

Apparently Mr. Ramsay decided to sit this one out. He was not seen or heard throughout the campaign. Despite this unfortunate omission, the combined efforts of a small number of dedicated libertarians produced enough votes to get the LPWS on the ballot in 1976!

The goals and objectives of the ISFSC speak for the deep level of moral commitment and rationality of our organization:

Objectives of the SFSC on Earth:

- I to organize self-awareness among the Creator Class.
- II to construct an industrial-research system capable of launching and sustaining colonies in space.
- III to experiment in systems of values and organization enhancing conscious life in space.
- IV to establish the means for a long term colonization of space from Earth.
- V to organize a protective mission permitting the Creator Class to achieve its goals in space.

Ultimate Goals of the Free Space Colonizers in Space:

- I to create a diversity of living, conscious worlds in space offering freedom for an infinite range of conscious entities.
- II to bring about the rise of individuation; the next level of human evolution.
- III to create new forms of life.
- IV to extend life throughout the Solar System and ultimately, the Universe.

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