

To: Mr. Ray Bradbury

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Dear Mr. Bradbury:

Those of us at JPL are thrilled at the prospect of having you participate in our Mars Exploration Rover 5th anniversary celebration.

The event will be held in JPL's von Karman Auditorium next Thursday, Jan. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. In attendance will be engineers and scientists from the rover team, including Mars Exploration Project Manager John Callas and Principal Investigator Steve Squyres, JPL Director Charles Elachi and others.

During the first hour of the event, former CNN space correspondent Miles O'Brien will speak for a few minutes, and we'd love to have you share your thoughts for 4-5 minutes on the link between Mars exploration and popular culture—how missions such as the rovers influence the imagination and science fiction, and vice versa.

Robert Moore and Sea J. Jones have told me they're bringing a documentary crew to shoot the event. In addition, NASA TV plans to either carry the event live or tape it for airing later. We may have a few media crews/reporters covering the event, as well.

I'm including our standard release form, which we'd need you to sign in advance.

We're very much hoping all this will be agreeable to you. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, either directly or via Robert Moore or Sea J. Jones.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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