

to international commitments, some domestic that require continuing diligence. At a fundamental level (notwithstanding Ralph Hall's quixotic call for curing can-

flight effort in the United States. *The New York Times* editorialized in November 2001: "in truth, it has never been clear just what science needs to be done on a

development of a bright future in space. Perhaps even a research park in orbit with ISS as the "anchor" will emerge, accelerating research in a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines. Operations centered on the International Space Station could open space to humans in much the same way that modest government investment on the American frontier forged links between curiosity and commerce, knowledge and a bright future. I hope we will advance ISS utilization and make the investments necessary to ensure a peaceful, productive future for humanity in space. ■


"Seemingly, ISS is irrelevant to NASA's task of exploring beyond Earth orbit. But how do we change the path?"

cer), as a nation, as a people, and as a spaceflight community we cannot afford to renege on the promises made since the 1980s. If it is a token effort for the short-term, I am willing to accept a token effort. But to abandon serious efforts to utilize ISS plays into the hands of those who wish to see it fail, and those who advocate a zeroing out of the human space-

permanently manned platform in space as opposed to an unmanned platform or an earthbound facility." The positions of such naysayers gain significant credibility when we fail to fulfill our longstanding promises.

I believe that if we lean forward with a commitment to ISS utilization, discoveries made on the ISS will encourage the de-

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