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Dear Andre:

Ed Gorman, John Helfers, and I would like to invite you to contribute a story to an anthology of science fiction stories tentatively titled *Space Colonies*, to be published by DAW Books in 1999.

For decades, mankind has always looked to the heavens and wondered what it would be like to live on other planets. From the creation of science fiction to the reality of the moon landings, the challenges and obstacles of colonizing a planet other than Earth have fired authors' imaginations for decades.

Today, with the successful Mars Observer mission, public interest in traveling to other planets in our solar system is at an all-time high. The Internet abounds with speculation and proposed plans to build colonies on other planets. The construction of the International Space Station *Freedom* even now is bringing us a step closer to making these planetary landings a reality. What mysteries of the universe could be solved by exploring another world? What new challenges await us among the stars? What would happen if the planet chosen by colonists is already inhabited?

We're looking for stories of 3,000 - 5,000 words, and they should be relatively hard science fiction, although what we're really after is the sense of wonder that a colony on another planet would inspire. Manuscripts should be sent to me at the above address, and they should arrive by September 1, 1999. Payment is \$0.06/word against our standard share of fifty percent of future earnings (the fifty percent share allocated to contributors will be distributed in proportion to the number of stories in the book).

Please use the enclosed post card for your reply. We're looking forward to seeing you in the book.

Best wishes,

Martin H. Greenberg

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