
Subject: We're going to the Moon and Mars!
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I wish I could remember where I learned this but there is an international agreement that no single country can claim a celestial object. Just like no country can claim Antarctica.

Missions to the moon and Mars need to be manned. It takes 10 minutes for a signal to reach Earth from Mars, so final corrections by remote processes are more likely to fail than if a human was at the helm. Using the moon as a staging point would be wise and a money saver in the long run.
