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Plan for Space Picks Off JFK Tour

President Denies Economic Drain

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KEN ROUTE WITH THE PRESIDENT President Kennedy launched his "nonpolitical" tour of Texas Thursday with a strong bid for bipartisan support of the Administration's scientific and space programs. The President defended his space program in remarks prepared for delivery at San Antonio — his first stop on the Texas trip that will include visits to Houston, Fort Worth, Austin and Dallas.

Despite the nonpolitical label placed on the trip by the White House, the President has two obvious hopes — to refurbish his own image and make a start toward gluing together a badly splintered Democratic party in Texas.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a dedication ceremony at the Aerospace Medical Center near San Antonio, the President defended the national space effort against critics of both parties.

The Chief Executive said the space program would not drain off national resources needed to improve American living standards.

For our effort in space is not, some have suggested, a competitor for the national resources needed to improve our living

