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Astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad come to Greece as emissaries of good will, bringing to Your Majesty and to the people of Greece my own warm greetings and the best wishes of all Americans. We believe everyone can take pride in the achievements of these two astronauts.

On this occasion of their visit to your great country and to the Sixteenth International Astronautical Congress, let me stress our dedication to the peaceful use of outer space under a rule of law, and to the sharing of the knowledge we have gathered with the world scientific community.

Through the astronauts' visit the American people will once more express the great esteem in which we hold Greece and the importance we attach to the ties between our two countries.

With renewed expressions of friendship.

Sincerely.

His Majesty
Constantine II
King of the Hellenes
Athens

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Your Imperial Majesty:

Your graciousness in extending the hospitality of Ethiopia to the American astronauts is most deeply appreciated.

The American people and I consider that the achievements of these young men belong not only to the United States of America but also to the entire world. Sending them to visit your country and people is our way of sharing our knowledge of space and indicating our firm intent that this knowledge shall serve the cause of world peace -- a cause which Your Majesty has staunchly defended for these many decades.

Astronauts Gooper and Conrad, who have crossed the threshold of man's gateway to the space age, bring to Your Majesty and to the people of Ethiopia my own warm greetings and the best wishes of the American people.

Sincerely,

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His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I Emperor of Ethiopia

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Through the visit of these emissaries the American people will once more express the great esteem in which we hold Turkey and the importance we attach to the ties between our two countries.

With renewed expressions of friendship.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
General Cemal Gursel
President of the Republic of Turkey,
Ankara

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I send warm personal greetings to you and to your people, in the person of two illustrious Americans, of whose signal accomplishments in behalf of mankind's knowledge we can all be justly proud.

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Madagascar was included in the present itinerary as a mark of my particular respect for you personally, and of my appreciation for your Government's cooperation in previding facilities which helped make possible the flight of Gemini 5.

Sincerely.

His Excellency
Philibert Tsiranana
President of the Malagasy Republic,
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Dear General Franco:

On the occasion of the visit to Spain of Astronauts Cooper and Conrad, it gives me much pleasure en behalf of the American people to extend through them sincere good wishes to you and to the people of Spain. Once again I express our thanks for the cooperation Spain has given this country's efforts in space. We are pleased that the scientists and technicians of many lands have joined with ours as we seek to unlock the secrets of the universe.

It is my hope that the experience and knowledge gained in these joint endeavors will contribute to the peaceful extension of the rule of law into outer space and bring cooperative benefits to all people.

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His Excellency General Francisco Franco Bahamonde Chief of the Spanish State Madrid

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We consider the performance of these young men to constitute achievements in which everyone can take pride, and to be of particular interest to those countries, such as Nigeria, which have contributed so greatly to the success of their flight.

Their visit is living proof of the great esteem in which Nigeria is held in the United States, and reflects our appreciation for your country's cooperation in the effort toward the peaceful development of space and the expansion of man's knowledge.

With renewed expressions of friendship.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Dr. Nnamdi Asikiwe
President and Commander-in-Chief
of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria

Lagos

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Dear Mr. President:

On the occasion of the visit to Kenya of astronauts Gordon Gooper and Charles Conrad it gives me much pleasure on behalf of the American people to extend through them to you and to the people of Kenya sincere good wishes. We consider the achievements of these young men to be ones in which everyone can take pride, and it is our desire and intention that the knowledge gained by their flight shall serve the cause of peace by sharing it with other nations.

Mr. President, your kindness in extending the hospitality of Kenya to the American astronauts and their colleagues is most deeply appreciated. May their visit serve to strengthen the friendly bonds between our peoples and emphasize in particular the aspirations of mankind for peaceful cooperation in space exploration as we reach out beyond the confines of our own planet.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Jomo Kenyatta
President
Republic of Kenya
Nairobi

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Marie Fehmer brought these letters in; she said State Dept. was calling for them as the Astronauts were scheduled to leave in about an hour. She took the original letters and a courtesy copy.

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Perry Barber said this "working paper" should go with the file.

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Haile Selassie I
Emperor of Ethiopia.

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DRAFT LETTER TO PRESIDENT GURSEL OF TURKEY FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON RE ASTRONAUTS

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His Excellency
Jomo Kenyatta,

President, Republic of Kenya,
Nairobi, Kenya

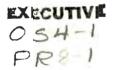
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Mr. President,

Jack asked me to get this to you sooner than night reading --- if possible.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Monday, September 13, 1965 3:15 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Subject: Astronauts visit to the White House

I recommend -- and Horace Busby and Jim Webb share this recommendation -- that when the astronauts come to the White House with their families at 11:00 o'clock tomorrow the following take place:

- 1. That you greet them and their wives privately in your office and then walk thru the lobby to the outside of the West Lobby where television cameras are set up.
- 2. There you make brief remarks -- extemporaneously -- and pin on the medals that they are being awarded.
- 3. You go on back to your office and the astronauts proceed to the National Academy of Science for a formal ceremony.

Reason for this recommendation:

This gives the President television exposure at the least expense of his time and without protocol and ceremony of a full dress astronauts visit.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1965

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FOR:

BILL MOYERS

FROM:

JOE CALIFANO

The arrival of the astronauts here tomorrow affords you a good opportunity to make their stay even more memorable by announcing the following:

- 1. Charles Conrad -- The President is today sending to the Senate Conrad's nomination for promotion from Navy Lt. Commander to Commander. This is under the President's first successful flight' promotion policy for astronauts. Conrad's promotion will be effective once the Senate confirms. (In your press conference on August 31, 1965 you said that Conrad would be promoted to Commander, but the papers had not been signed. They are now signed and ready to go.)
- 2. L. Gordon Cooper -- The President has requested the Secretary of the

 Air Force to promote Cooper from Lt. Colonel to Colonel. This will be effective on the same date as Conrad's promotion. The President acted when he found that Cooper's prior promotion to Lt. Colonel resulted from the normal selection process and not from a first successful space flight. The prior successful flight merely accelerated the effective date of Cooper's Lt. Colonelcy by about six weeks. So, to give Cooper the full and fair benefit of the recently announced astronaut promotion policy he will now be promoted to Colonel as a result of his successful Gemini V flight.

3. For your background use

- Because of the technical differences in the Navy and Air Force promotion laws, Conrad will be promoted to the permanent grade of Commander, while Cooper will attain the temporary grade of Colonel. There is no practical distinction between permanent and temporary grades. A temporary promotion (one which the Air Force uses quite extensively since it provides greater flexibility and speed) carries with it all the indicia, benefits and pay of a permanent promotion. Once promoted, Cooper will wear his "eagles" and get the full compensation due a permanent Colonel.
- Because of the technical differences in the Services' promotion laws, all Navy Officer promotions must go through the Senatorial confirmation process, while Air Force temporary promotions up to the grade of Colonel (like Cooper's) can be handled directly by the Air Force Secretary with Presidential approval.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

5:30 p. m. Friday September 10, 1965

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano

I recommend you sign the attached nomination of Navy astronaut Lieutenant Commander Charles Conrad, Jr. for promotion to the grade of Commander, submitted by the Secretary of the Navy.

Enclosure

W. MARVIN WATSON

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September 9, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Secretary of the Air Force

The President has requested that Lieutenant Colonel
L. Gordon Cooper, USAF, he promoted to the grade of
Colonel, Temporary, USAF, under appropriate provisions
ed law.

The President desires that you coordinate this action with the Secretary of the Navy to insure that Cooper's promotion is effected concurrently with that of Lieutenant Commander Charles Conrad, Jr., USN, whom he has nominated to the Senate for promotion to the grade of Commander.

Joseph A. Califano, Jr. Special Assistant to the President

Dispatched by Special Messenger 9/14/65 - 11:30 a.m.
Attention: Colonel Buddy Daughtrey, Room 4E871, The Pentagon

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Wednesday, 8:30 p. m. September 8, 1965

TO:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JOE CALIFANO

Your policy is to promote each Astronaut after his first successful space flight. The promotion papers have already arrived for Conrad, the Navy Lieutenant Commander in the Gemini V flight.

As a result of a misunderstanding between me and the Pentagon, Bill Moyers announced that Cooper, the Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, had been promoted on July 15 as a result of a prior space flight. Actually, Cooper had been selected for promotion from Major to Lt. Colonel in the ordinary course of events. His promotion had merely been accelerated by 6 weeks as a result of his prior space flight. The Secretary of the Air Force and Cy Vance now recommend that in all fairness Cooper should be promoted from Lt. Colonel to Colonel as a result of his Gemini V space flight. I concur.

Bill and I believe that this can be handled at one of his press briefings. Bill can state that when you found out that Cooper's earlier promotion was a routine one which was only accelerated by 6 weeks, you requested the Secretary of the Air Force to promote him as a result of the successful Gemini V space flight.

I recommend approval of the promotion of Cooper from Lt. Colonel to Colonel and announcement by Bill along the lines indicated in this memorandum.

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

8 September 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CALIFANO

With reference to the promotion of Lt. Colonel Gordon Cooper, I suggest that the situation be handled in the following fashion:

An announcement be made that due to a misunderstanding it was believed that Cooper had been promoted as a result of a space flight. The President found out that he had not been promoted as a result of a space flight, but that he merely received a six-weeks' acceleration in the time his promotion would become effective. In light of these facts, the President has suggested that Cooper be promoted to Colonel because of his most recent space flight.

It would seem to me that the White House would be the appropriate place to make this announcement.

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

September 8, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt. Colonel Gordon Cooper, USAF

In accordance with the recent policy you approved on the promotion of Astronauts for successful space flight, I have already forwarded to you a proposed nomination for the promotion of Lieutenant Commander Charles Conrad, Jr.

Gordon Cooper was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 15 July 1965 after you announced that White, McDivitt and other Astronauts would be promoted. Cooper was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel by normal board action in February of this year. His normal promotion would have occurred in due course in September of 1965. Thus he received no significant benefit from our Astronaut promotion policy - merely a six weeks acceleration in the time his promotion would become effective. In fairness to Cooper, and to be consistent in applying our policy, I believe Gooper should be promoted along with Conrad.

I recommend that you request the Secretary of the Air Force to promote Lieutenant Colonel L. Gordon Cooper to the rank of Colonel. A draft memorandum is attached.

Attachment

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

I request that Lieutenant Colonel L. Gordon Cooper, USAF, be promoted to the grade of Colonel, Temporary, USAF, under appropriate provisions of law.

I suggest that you coordinate this action with the Secretary of the Navy to insure that Lieutenant Colonel Cooper's promotion is effected concurrently with that of Lieutenant Commander Charles Conrad, Jr., USN, whom I have nominated to the Senate for promotion to the grade of Commander.

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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH BILL MOYERS

4:24 PM EDT

AUGUST 31, 1965

TUESDAY

MR. MOYERS: The President approved today the following policy on the promotion and decoration of astronauts.

Q. Are we going to get a copy of this?

MR. MOYERS: No, I don't think this will be ready.

One: Each military astronaut will receive a one grade promotion as a direct result of his first successful space flight, but not beyond the grade of Colonel in the Air Force and Marine Corps, or Captain in the Navy.

In other words, if he is a Colonel and he makes his first successful space flight he will not automatically be promoted as a result of that space flight.

Promotions to General Officer rank will be accomplished through the usual military selection board process.

Two: Each Gemini astronaut will be awarded the NASA medal for exceptional service, or cluster, after completion of a successful space flight.

- Q. Is that the second medal?
- MR. MOYERS: Yes.
- Q. One additional cluster for each additional flight?
- MR. MOYERS: That is correct.

The NASA medal for distinguished service, which is the highest award that can be given by the agency, will be awarded for exceptional accomplishments in the Gemini program, including but not limited to accomplishments in actual flight. This makes it possible for flight engineers, flight director, and others, to receive this award.

Three: Military decorations associated with space flights, such as awards for exceptional heroism, or other distinguished service, will be determined on an individual basis consistent with general policy governing the award of traditional military decorations.

Q. Is this an announcement that the last two astronauts are being promoted?

MR. MOYERS: Mr. Cooper was promoted on July 15 as a result of his previous flight. Conrad is receiving the promotion.

- Q. To Captain?
- MR. MOYERS: Commander.
- Q. Commander?
- MR. MOYERS: Yes.
- Q. Gordon is a Lt Colonel now?
- MR. MOYERS: Yes.
- Q. Does this change anything in the past policy?
- MR. MOYERS: In the past the policy has been ambiguous and uncertain, and this just formalizes the policy.
- Q. Has anyone else's status changed as a result of this policy formulation?
 - MR. MOYERS: No.
- Q. Bill, what do you mean by successful? Does it mean you have to complete a mission?
- MR. MOYERS: Yes, what NASA would determine as a successful mission. If Gemini V had come down early it does not mean it was unsuccessful.
- Q. Did you say at the outset of Point One that they got a promotion after their first successful flight?
 - MR. MOYERS: That is correct.
 - Q. What about Cooper?
 - MR. MOYERS: This is Cooper's second successful flight.
 - Q. Does he get a promotion?
 - MR. MOYERS: He was able to do it because his first was successful.
 - Q. Does Cooper get promoted to Colonel?
 - MR. MOYERS: He'll get a cluster.
 - Q. Is this retroactive?
 - MR. MOYERS: It goes into effect now.
- ${\tt Q.}$ I'm referring to the earlier astronauts who made their flights?
- MR. MOYERS: They all reserved promotions. That's the problem. The question is, what are you going to do with the future ones, and this makes it a consistent policy.
 - Q. Did Shepherd get one, Bill?
 - MR. MOYERS: Yes.

Q. Does Cooper get a promotion this time?

MR. MOYERS: Cooper was promoted on July 15th as a result of his previous successful flight. He will get a cluster.

- Q. Cluster on his medal but he doesn't get a cluster on his promotion.
 - Q. Was Cooper's previous flight on Gemini III?
 - Q. What was the question?

MR. MOYERS: The question was, was Cooper's previous flight on Gemini III, and I believe it was.

- Q. Has Conrad's promotion already gone through?
- MR. MOYERS: No, it has not been signed.
- Q. Cooper was Mercury.
- Q. Promotions are still subject to Presidential approval?
- MR. MOYERS: Yes, the President has to approve all promotions.

Let me read you a message that came to the President last evening from Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, who is President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, USSR. It simply says:

Mr. President:

Our congratulations for the American astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad in connection with the safe completion of their flight on the spaceship Gemini V.

The White House is announcing today that starting tomorrow, members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Viet Nam and contiguous waters will be able to send letters and post cards free to any place in the United States and to any U.S. military post office in the world.

They're extending mail service to men in Viet Nam and the Navy. You will have a release on this.

President Johnson is today reappointing Mrs. Bernice Hughes Martin of Bluefield, West Virginia, as a member of the Board of Advisers of the Federal Reformatory for Women for a term expiring April 7, 1969.

You will have a release on that.

You have another release concerning 493,600 retired personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces who will receive notices concerning the recent pay raise.

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You don't have a release on this. On July 21, the President proposed the establishment of a series of Adlai Stevenson Fellowships by selecting a group of young men and women from different countries to serve as internes in the United Nations. The Secretary of State has reviewed this proposal with UN Secretary General U Thant, who has agreed for the fellowships to be administered by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

At the regular weekly lunch this afternoon, the President asked Secretary Rusk to request Congress to make available \$100,000 from our contributions to the United Nations Institute as a beginning payment for these Adlai Stevenson Fellowships. This will provide from 8 to 10 fellowships in the next year. As the program develops the President hopes that the number of fellowships will be increased.

Q. In other words, we are earmarking funds out of existing appropriations?

MR. MOYERS: Yes.

Q. What is the name of the organization at the UN?

MR. MOYERS: United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Q. Where is that?

MR. MOYERS: That is in New York.

Q. I'm a little confused. Going back to the lunch, the President asked Secretary Rusk --

MR. MOYERS: Yes. Secretary Rusk has to designate this money out of the budget.

Q. \$100,000?

MR. MOYERS: Yes.

On BACKGROUND, I think you know that at the President's request Secretary Wirtz, who was a law partner with Governor Stevenson, is working with the Stevenson family for a fitting, lasting memorial in Governor Stevenson's honor. They have still not worked out the details of that. This is not connected, however, to this program.

Q. What would the young people do, the 8 to 10 that would come here?

MR. MOYERS: They will work on specialized projects of the United Nations. They will train in a variety of efforts f(x) United Nations jobs.

The schedule for tomorrow:

At 11 A.M. - presentation of credentials of the new minister to the United States from Bulgaria. His name is Gerosmiov Lyabuten.

At 12 o'clock - the President will sign, in the Rose Garden, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Bill. It authorizes the creation of a 72,000 acre national park in Pennsylvania - halfway between New York and Philadelphia.

Q. Is that all of the schedule?

MR. MOYERS: Yes. Let me read you now a statement by the President. You will have a release on this but it is not ready at the moment.

The opening of schools this week and next is a hopeful time for this Nation. It to ings heartening evidence of the efforts of governors, school officials and other citizens to assure that respect for law remains a vigorous force everywhere in the country.

In accordance with the letter and spirit of the Civil Rights Act, your government has sought to bring about voluntary compliance with its provisions. The results have been deeply encouraging.

Of the more than 5,000 school districts in 17 Southern and border states, 4,463 -- 88 percent -- are making preparations to comply. This represents an increase of 291 school districts since one week ago.

In the seven Southern states of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, 538 school districts today are in compliance, compared to 317 a week ago.

A staff of 117 men and women in the U.S. Office of Education, working around the clock and over weekends, is assisting local school districts in achieving acceptable plans.

One week ago, there were 172 school districts which had taken no action to meet the requirements of the Civil Rights Act. Today the figure is 135 -- and it is shrinking rapidly.

The adoption of an acceptable desegregation plan, of course, is only a beginning. The coming weeks -- and years -- will demand of local officials and concerned citizens much patience and dedicated effort if change is to be achieved successfully and if plans are to be translated into performance.

I have directed the Office of Education to stand ready day and night to work toward solutions in the remaining communities which have not submitted plans or whose plans have not yet been accepted.

I strongly urge every responsible State official, school officer, and local official who cherishes the future of our children to lose no time in working for progress where progress is needed. There is still time -- and the results of your labors can mean the difference, in many cases, between full educational opportunity for all and the tragedy of lost opportunity. Certainly none of us wants to see this Nation's educational future clouded by delay, indifference or neglect.

I congratulate all who have had a part in this effort. Their thanks will come, ultimately, from a generation of hopeful young Americans -- and from a nation with a deep reverence for the rule of law.

The steel negotiators have been meeting in two subcommittees, with two representatives from management and two representatives from labor participating in each subcommittee. These two subcommittees have been dealing with the issues affecting wages and pensions -- one with issues affecting wages and the second dealing with issues affecting pensions.

The pattern throughout the afternoon has been the subcommittees met separately and then the subcommittee met with both Secretary Wirtz and Secretary Connor, and at this moment the subcommittees have reported back to the larger group of ten, and the larger group of ten is meeting with both Secretaries.

- Q. How long were they out for lunch?
- MR. MOYERS: About an hour and a half.
- Q. The President said that he wants a noninflationary settlement. Could you possibly have any kind of price settlement and not have an inflationary settlement?
 - MR. MOYERS: I do not have the answer to that.
- Q. Bill, do you expect any further announcement on negotiations tonight?
- MR. MOYERS: The only way I can answer that is to just say for the record and for the future I will give you as much notice as I can when I anticipate a statement. I have nothing for the next hour.
- Q. Bill, as a matter for our own information, as a matter of staffing, should we have someone here tonight?
- MR. MOYERS: The only way that I can answer that, Smitty, is that in about an hour from now to take a check in over there or sit in over there a little bit.
 - Q. You said they will break for dinner and then resume?
- MR. MOYERS: I will know an hour from now what it looks like when they break for dinner.
 - Q. Who suggested the format for this meeting this afternoon?
 - MR. MOYERS: The idea grew up within themselves -- with the groups.
- Q. Bill, are suggestions being offered by Secretary Wirtz and Secretary Connor?
- MR. MOYERS: Secretaries Wirtz and Connor are making no specific proposals. As I said this morning, the Administration does not have a specific proposal at this time, that it is hopeful the differences between the two will be bridged by their own efforts.
 - Q. Bill, can you tell us who the members of the subcommittee are?
 - MR. MOYERS: No.
 - Q. The group of ten, is that strictly labor-management makeup?
- MR. MOYERS: Yes, there are four from the companies and six from the union.

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Q. Does the Administration have any general proposals if it doesn't have any specific proposals that it is putting forward other than the fact they should settle?

MR. MOYERS: As I said this morning, the general principles by which we hope they will be guided will be fair, just and noninflationary.

Q. It is not suggesting any terms?

MR. MOYERS: That is correct.

Q. Are Secretary Wirtz and Secretary Connor really acting as Federal mediators in an ordinary negotiation situation? Will they hear both sides and try to bring the sides together?

MR. MOYERS: By their presence, I think they are serving as catalysts. I don't think you can describe these sessions as mediation between the private sector and the public sector of the government. I think at this moment it is still collective bargaining in the true sense of the word, with the two parties attempting to resolve the differences between themselves.

By their presence, however, the two Secretaries represent the public interest, the urgency expressed by the President and the effect of whatever catalytic influence they might have by constantly reminding the negotiators of the larger interest that is involved.

Q. The mediators said in Pittsburgh on Sunday night it was futile to seek collective bargaining settlement. Why does the President seek that?

MR. MOYERS: Probably because he doesn't share the opinion of that particular individual. As he said to them yesterday, and as I summarized, he believes that through collective bargaining they might be able to reach a settlement.

Q. Has the President looked in at all?

MR. MOYERS: Only through Secretaries Wirtz and Connor.

Q. Bill, have you been able to establish which military bureaus could not stand even a one day's loss of production and what particular item?

MR. MOYERS: I haven't looked into it, John.

Q. Bill, Congress completed action on the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs Bill. Do you have any idea when or where the President will sign that bill?

MR. MOYERS: No.

THE PRESS: Thank you, sir.

MR. MOYERS: I will not give a lid until 6 o'clock.

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MR. VALENTI

Buzz said fine when I retrieved the memo--but added please let him know if he's expected to do anything.

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MR. VALENTI

This went to Mr. Busby at 4:45 pm today.

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Monday, September 13, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR HORACE BUSBY:

I would hope you could have for the President's night reading a card or two of remarks for the President for both the private meeting with the Astronauts and their families in the office and for the appearance before the cameras outside the lobby.

Assuming that he approves the general format outlined on the attached memorandum, we need from you (also for the President's night reading) a step by step scenario on what would take place from the time the Astronauts arrive until they depart for the National Academy.

Many thanks, my friend.

Jack Valenti



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Monday, September 13, 1965 3:15 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Subject: Astronauts visit to the White House

I recommend -- and Horace Busby and Jim Webb share this recommendation -- that when the astronauts come to the White House with their families at 11:00 o'clock tomorrow the following takes place:

- That you greet them and their wives privately in your office.
 and then walk thru the lobby to the outside of the West Lobby
 where television cameras are set up.
- There you make brief remarks -- extemporaneously -- and pin on the medals that they are being awarded.
- 3. You go on back to your office and the astronauts proceed to the National Academy of Science for a formal ceremony.

Reason for this recommendation:

This gives the President television exposure at the least expense of his time and without protocol and ceremony of a full dress astonauts visit.

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MEMORANDUM to Mr. Horace Busby The White House

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The speech the President makes at the Awards ceremony will be at the National Academy of Science before a large group of the nation's leading scientists and, importantly, engineers. We are inviting representatives of the new National Academy of Engineering. Therefore, these ideas reflect a marrying of engineering and science.

There are three points the President may want to make:

1. He is most happy to make these awards in the home of science since this was the most important expedition into space, particularly by human beings, from \ the standpoint of science. The scientific data brought back by the flight of Gemini 5 will help man better understand the universe and his own place as man in universe is improved and added to by the data Cooper and Conrad brought back.

It is also appropriate that we meet here in the home of science for here is located a vigorous effort to bring science and engineering together. The work that the National Academy of Science is doing in assisting in the development of the National Academy of Engineering is important -- and in fostering this closer relationship between science and engineering is in one way the same as the work Cooper and Conrad did in their mission. pilots, who are engineers, worked to enhance scientific knowledge. These two engineers became our first real scientific observers in space.

2. This nation appreciates the courage and dedication of these men and, in particular, a man like Gordon Cooper who is willing to spend over five years of his life preparing to do what he did for his country. It was and is a long-range commitment of which we are all proud and thankful.

He accomplished what he did for science by combining these ingredients: his education in engineering, the long training in a civilian government program, and the discipline of a military service.

3. The President is happy to note also that this flight, although performed by military test pilots, was a mission of peace, one fully reported to the world-which again shows the greatness of this nation. It demonstrates again that exploration can be done-even by military men contributing beyond their own field-in the best interests of all the world.

You may find a new thought or two here and I send them over to you hastily so you can get started on whatever you plan. If you want a text, more notes, etc., don't hesitate to call.

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Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs Suggested Remarks for President Johnson
Telephone call to Astronauts Cooper and Conrad and Dr.
Berry, Saturday morning, September 11, 1965

Hello,

This is the President speaking. I'm glad to learn that your eleven days of intensive debriefing are over, and that so much valuable scientific information is being gained from the study of your record-breaking flight, and I am happy you are back home with your families today.

Now that this important work has been completed,

I want to tell you again how much all of us appreciate

your accomplishments, which have answered so many questions

about man's ability to live and work in space for extended

periods.

The fact that you were able to accomplish some 85% of your total planned mission in spite of the technical difficulties you encountered is something that the whole Nation is proud of, and the courage shown by you and your team-mates on the ground is something we will never forget.

We are looking forward here in Washington to seeing you and Dr. Berry, whose specialized skill, knowledge and experience have given meaning to the experiments you have performed in space.

As I told you during our brief conversation immediately after your mission. I feel that you have some new and important work to perform for your country right here on earth.

I am looking forward to telling you more about these plans in person and I invite you and Dr. Berry to come here to the White House with your families.

The National Academy of Science has honored you by inviting you to make a presentation to the nation's scientific community on what you learned on the Gemini 5 mission and I want to accompany you to the Academy. That is only the first event in what I hope will be a busy and meaningful two weeks for you.

Our only purpose in the exploration of space, as you know, is peace in the world.

I have stated publicly before, and I would like to reiterate now, that those who venture into space go as envoys of the entire human race.

I therefore believe that perhaps the most important mission you can perform now is that of sharing your findings in space with the people of the world.

Accordingly, I am making arrangements now for you to visit a number of countries—many of which have cooperated with us in the Gemini tracking and data acquisition net—works that monitored your mission—to give them a firsthand account of our manned space flight program. You have been invited to the International Aeronautical Federation meeting in Athens and the nations of Turkey, Ethiopia,

Malagasy, Kenya and Nigeria have invited you to visit them.

We are looking forward to having a chat with all of you, and we'll be giving you further details of your itinerary at that time.

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH CALIFANO

Attached is a recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy for the nomination of Navy astronaut Lieutenant Commander Charles Conrad, Jr. for promotion to the grade of commander.

JAMES U. CROSS

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT THE WHITE HOUSE

DISCUSSION

You will recall that I spoke to you last week about the possibility of some of the astronauts traveling to certain selected countries around the world. The purpose of this trip is to demonstrate the United States' willingness to share its knowledge about space technology and to allow our astronauts to demonstrate our peaceful intentions in the exploration of space. This conversation was prior to your announcement Sunday as to the possibility of some of the astronauts being available for foreign travel.

I have checked with and received enthusiastic support for this suggestion from the following in the State Department:

Secretary Rusk Science Advisor's Office Assistant Secretaries of the geographic bureaus U.S. ambassadors in selected capitals.

Selected embassies around the world have given overwhelming support to the proposal (see attached summary of ambassadors' comments).

RECOMMENDATIONS

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SUMMARY OF AMBASSADORS' COMMENTS

Lagos, Nigeria

Amb. Elbert G. Mathews

"Believe visit would not only be valuable and highly successful public relations venture but would provide unparalleled means allow Government of Nigeria gain credit their participation space scientific program.

Tokyo, Japan

Amb. Edwin O. Reischauer

"Japanese people are demonstrably space conscious, and media has given heavy play to Gemini V feat. Visit might also take some edge off scheduled visitation to Japan of Soviet cosmonauts Nikolayev and Tereshkova who scheduled arrive in October as guests of Japanese Socialist Party on occasion latter's 20th anniversary."

Manila, Philippines

Amb. William McCormick Blair, Jr.

"In view keen interest Philippines has always shown in scientific developments and in view continuing Philippine interest in American accomplishments believe visit of astronauts to Philippines would be eagerly endorsed by Government of Philippines."

Madrid, Spain

Amb. Angier Biddle Duke

"Believe that in view major NASA interests in Spain visit would be most beneficial in creating atmosphere favorable both to resolution current technical matters relating NASA activities here and to long range Spanish-US space relationship."

Mexico City, Mexico

Amb. Fulton Freeman

"Interest high and general attitude admiration for outstanding accomplishment."

Canberra, Australia

Amb. Edward Clark

"Morning press and other media devoted considerable attention to world tour of astronauts and almost without exception comment that Australian visit is a virtual certainty in view of the close cooperation given by Australia to the manned space program."

Wellington, New Zealand

Amb. Herbert B. Powell

"I feel sure astronauts would receive warm reception and that their visit would make important contribution to U. S.-New Zealand relations. Inclusion of New Zealand in Asian tour would also strengthen New Zealand's public's recognition NZ membership in Pacific community."

Tananarive, Malagasy

Amb. C. Vaughan Ferguson, Jr.

"Belief proposed visit would be received by Government of Malagasy with greatest enthusiasm. Visit would go long way in convincing Government and people of importance which U.S. Government attaches Madagascar."

Seoul, Korea

Amb. Winthrop G. Brown

"Heartily endorse concept of visit and believe presence of astronauts, whose exploits have received wide coverage in Korean press, would stimulate interest of Korean public in scientific endeavors."

London, England

Amb. David K. E. Bruce

"Embassy believes Her Majesty would welcome visit to London by astronauts Cooper and Conrad." omy

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August 17, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

Secretary of Defense
Administrator, National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

The President has approved the following policy on the promotion and decoration of astronauts, which you had recommended:

- l. Each military Astronaut will receive a one grade promotion as a direct result of successful space flight, but not beyond the grade of Colonel in the Air Force and Marine Corps or Captain in the Navy. (Promotions to General Officer rank will be accomplished through usual military selection beard process.)
- 2. a. Each Gemini Astronaut will be awarded the NASA Medal for Exceptional Service (or Cluster) after completion of a successful space flight.
- b. The NASA Medal for Distinguished Service, the highest award which can be given by that Agency, will be awarded for exceptional accomplishments in the Gemini program, including but not limited to accomplishments in actual flight.
- 3. Military decorations associated with space flights, such as awards for exceptional hereism or other distinguished service, will be determined on an individual basis consistent with general policy governing the award of traditional military decorations.

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califan

NASA and DoD recommend the following policy on promotion and decoration of astronauts. It is consistent with your prior statements and actions:

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- 3. Military decorations associated with space flights, such as awards for exceptional heroism or other distinguished service, will be determined on an individual basis consistent with general policy governing the award of traditional military decorations.

I recommend your approval.

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MEMO FOR Bill Moyers

FROM Joe Califano

Before I send this over to the agencies, you might want to release it to the press. I am holding it up until you decide.

Attachment
Memo to DoD and NASA
on promotion policy for
astronauts



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PAUL

- A. The attached policy on the astronaut promotion problem has been approved by:
 - 1. Mr. Webb and Adm. Boone of NASA
 - 2. The Navy
 - 3. The Air Force Personnel representative
- B. Adm. Boone, x-13, 23802, is the NASA representative to go with you to see Mr. Califano and awaits your call.
- C. You will note that Lt. Col. Cooper will be promoted to Colonel after his flight late this month under their policy.
- D. Mr. Webb desires that no mention be made in this policy with respect to civilian astronauts. If this question does arise, Mr. Webb would like it referred to NASA for consideration.

Col. Jones -- x-79271 Col. Clark -- x-79272

POLICY ON PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION OF MILITARY ASTRONAUTS FOR SPACE FLIGHTS

General Policy

A one grade promotion is one of the means of rewarding military astronauts after space flight.

Promotion solely as a direct result of space flights should not exceed the grade of Colonel/Captain.

Only one promotion will be made solely as a direct result of space flight.

A one grade promotion will be effected without respect to time since promotion to the grade held or the grade to which the officer has been selected prior to space flight.

Each Gemini astronaut will be awarded the NASA Medal for Exceptional Service (or cluster) after completion of a mission. The NASA Medal for Distinguished Service may be awarded for specific accomplishment by some of the Gemini astronauts after completion of the program when the contribution of the astronauts and other personnel can be evaluated. The policy on awards to Apollo astronauts and other Apollo personnel has yet to be determined.

Exceptions

Recognition for space flight events such as exceptionally heroic actions, an act in the face of great danger, well above normal space flight expectations will be acted upon on an individual basis. Recognition for events falling into the above categories will be considered jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of NASA and appropriate recommendations made to the President.

Specific recommendations with regard to the space GT-5 now scheduled:

Flight	Tentative Date	Astronauts	Rank	Prom. Status
CT- 5	19 August 1965	LeRoy G. Cooper, Jr.	LtCol	Selected for Lt Col by normal board action. The President announced that Cooper would be promoted 15 July 1965; as a result his promotion was effected on that date. However, this promotion was not as a direct result of a space flight.
		Charles Conrad, Jr.	LtCmdr	Promoted to current grade 1 April 1963 - normal board action.

Recommendation

That the President promote Lt. Colonel Cooper as he has not been promoted as a direct result of a space flight. That the President promote Lt. Commander Conrad to Commander as he has not been promoted as a result of a space flight.

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		Charles Conred, Jr.	LtCmdr	Promoted to current grade 1 April 1963 - normal board action.

Recommendation

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Missions to Date

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Cmdr Shepard	5 May 61	Mercury-Redstone - 3 Sub-orbital	Normal Selection Captain (USH)
Capt Grisson From to Major Feb 62 normal selection	21 Jul 61	Mercury-Redstons - 4	Presidential to L/Col
Lt. Col. Glenn	20 Feb 62	Mercury-Atlas - 6 3 orbits	Normal Selection Colonel
Lt. Cmdr Carpenter	24 May 62	Mercury-Atlas - 7 3 orbits	Normal Selection Commander
Cmdr Schirra	3 Oct 62	Mercury-Atlas - 8 6 orbits	Presidential to Captain (USN)
Major Cooper	15-16 May 63	Mercury-Atlas - 9 22 orbits	Selected by board but effected early by President 15 July 1965
Lt. Cmdr Young Major Grissom	26 May 65	Gemini - 3 3 orbits	Young (Presidential to Commander) Grissom (Presidential to Lt Col)
Major McDivitt Major White	3 June 65	Gemini - 4 63 revolutions 97 hrs 58 min	Presidential to L/Col

Promotion Status Future Flights

Flight	Tentative Date	Astronauts	Rank	Promotion Status	Avards	Ago	Procurement Year
OT-5	Augúst	Primary Cooper, Leroy G., Jr. 25837A	Lt Col	Accelerated Promotion 15 July 1965	DSA	37	1949
		Conrad, Charles, Jr.	LCdr	1 April 1963	None	35	1953
		<u>Backup</u> Armstrong	Civilian				
		See	Civilian				
GT -6	October	Primary Schirra, Walter M., Sr.	Capt USN	Presidential Appt 1 July 1965	DSA	42	1945
		Stafford, Thomas P. 23534A	Major	Accelerated Promotion 5 February 1963	None	35	1952
		Backup Grissom, Virgil I. 22450A	Lt Col	Accelerated Promotion 15 July 1965:	DSA ESM	39	1951
		Young, John W.	Cdr	Presidential April 1965	ESM .	34	1952
GT-7	December-January	Primery Lovell, James A., Jr.	Cdr	Accelerated Promotion 1 May 1965	None	3 7	1952
		Borman, Frank 20116A	Major	Selected to L/C awaiting promotion (Secondary Zone - SZ)	None	37	1950
		Backup White, Edward H. II 23567A	Lt Col	Accelerated Promotion 15 July 1965	BSM	34	1952
		Càllins, Michael 23298A	Major	4 December 1964	None	34	1952

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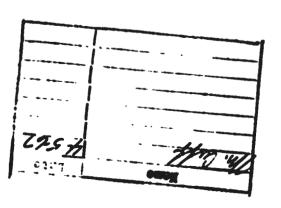
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Navy Average Age Captain Commander 48.1 43.3 38.0 Lt Commander

Average Procurement Year
Colonel 1943 or earlier
Lt. Colonel 1947 or earlier 1952 or earlier Major

Average Procurement Year
Captain 1942
Commander 1946
Lt. Commander 1952



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Dear Colonel McDivitt:

Thank you for your letter, which reflects the fine manner in which you have conducted yourself both as an astronaut and as a representative of our great country in its striving for a world of peace.

You have been provided opportunities in this free country and you have met the challenges they presented. We are all proud of you.

Best regards to you and your good family.

Sincerely,

Lt. Colonel James A. McDivitt, USAF Manned Spacecraft Center National Aeronautics and Space Administration Houston, Texas 77058

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The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

June 1965 is a month in my life that I shall never forget--not only because of the tremendous experience of my space flight but also because of the marvelous events that followed the flight.

I would like to thank you, Mr. President, for many of the things that happened during that period. First, I want to thank you for coming to the Manned Spacecraft Center to meet the people who really made our flight possible. I know they appreciated it immensely. Secondly, I want to thank you for the biggest surprise of my life—my promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Thirdly, I want to thank you for a most important educational experience—my trip to Washington, D. C. and the opportunity to stay at the White House. This furnished me with a little insight into the problems that continually face members of the executive branch of our government—especially you, Mr. President. It is unfortunate that all Americans cannot have such an experience. There might be fewer critics.

Last and, by far, most important to me, Mr. President, I want to thank you for giving me the privilege to represent the United States of America before the eyes of the world at the Paris Air Show. It is an honor for which all Americans strive but only few are privileged to receive. I realized the importance that you attached to our trip and I did my best to accomplish what I thought you had in mind when you said to us that morning in the Rose Garden, "Your mission is peace."

Respectfully yours,

Tames A. McDivitt Lt Colonel, USAF NASA Astronaut De00/33

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Dear Colonel White:

Your warm letter was most gratefully received by me.

Your suggestion that some useful purpose might be served by the old United Nations flag you carried with you on the flight of Gemini 4 appeals to me.

I have asked Ambassador Arthur Goldberg to explore this suggestion and to be in touch with you personally.

Mrs. Johnson and I were delighted by the presence of you and your family in the White House. You represented, with modesty and sturdy patriotism, not only the national space program, but the thousands of men and women who are reaching out to make the unknown both visible and understandable.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Colonel Edward H. White II, USAF National Aeronautics and Space Administration Manned Spacecraft Center Houston, Texas 77058

Note: Valenti talked to Goldberg, and the Ambassador will contact White -- have him to the UN and make presentation of the flag).

cc: Ambassador Goldberg

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Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson The President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

I have found it very difficult to write and adequately thank you for all that you did for my family and me. You started it at the Manned Spacecraft Center with the surprise promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. There was absolutely nothing that you could have done that could have meant more to me. It didn't stop there though as you gave me my decoration in the Rose Garden, invited my family to stay in the White House, and gave my wife and me the opportunity to represent our country at the Paris Air Show. The special mementos that you gave us, and especially the autographed picture will help us to all remember and enjoy that remarkable sequence of events.

The hospitality that you, Mrs. Johnson, and Luci extended to my family and me during our stay there was greatly appreciated. Your home had a genuine feeling of warmth and friendliness which could easily be lost in the residence of the President.

The opportunity to visit the Capitol Building and briefly speak to the Senate and House was another memorable experience.

To me, just walking in the Halls of Congress is a very refreshing experience. I could not help but have a renewed feeling of the great depth and solidarity of our country as I passed through those halls.

I carried an item during the flight of Gemini 4 that might be of some value in promoting better international relations. It is an old United Nations Flag that belonged to my father in 1950. It is badly discolored, but I feel it could be satisfactorily restored.

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It was carried in my left leg pocket during the entire flight including the twenty-two minutes of extra vehicular maneuvering. If you feel this flag might serve in some way to promote better world relations, I would be proud to have it used in this manner.

I want to thank you again on behalf of my family and I for the many things that you have done for us.

Sincerely,

Clavard H luketi
Edward H. White II
Lt Colonel, USAF

NASA Astronaut



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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

August 13, 1965

MEMORANDUM For Mr. Jack Valenti Mr. Marvin Watson Mr. Bill D. Moyers The White House

We are embarking next week on the Gemini 5 mission of Astronauts Cooper and Conrad. This is an eight-day mission and already the press, radio-TV interest is extremely high. We have more than 1,000 reporters registered with accreditation.

It appears that post-flight interest in astronaut appearances will continue to be high and we plan to continue to touch base on the major engagements, i.e., requests from large cities, etc.

I think you should know that we do not plan the post-flight press conference until recovery plus eleven days. This is five days longer than we have ever gone before. This will cause some consternation in the press. But the operations people are very firm that they absolutely need the debriefing time. In fact, the astronauts will not see their wives and families during this debriefing period.

The post-recovery press conference at Houston will relieve the astronauts of immediate further debriefing and we can then make the astronauts available for any White House activity you may desire.

We will not commit the astronauts to any plan after the press conference until we check there, but we do feel we must have the eleven-day period of uninterrupted debriefing in the best interest of the manned space flight program.

Julian Scheer

Assistant Administrator

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Mr. Jack Valenti The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I want to thank you very much for your part in making our brief stay in Washington an experience my whole family and I will never forget. It does not seem possible that so much could have happened in such a short time. There were obviously many preparations that had to be made to make it such an enjoyable and memorable event. I am sure that you had much to do with them and I want you to know that I am most appreciative of it.

It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to meet you, after hearing so much about you from your friends here in Houston. I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you again sometime in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. White II Lt Colonel, USAF NASA Astronaut

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Dear Mr. Kraus:

The President has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter. He appreciates your kind comments and is grateful indeed for your warm personal sentiments.

In response to your request, I am pleased to enclose a signed photograph. The dollar which you enclosed is being returned to you.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mr. Helmut Kraus 6256 Villmar, 8.7.65 Schweizergasse 223 Germany

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Lt. Colonel James A. McDivitt Lt. Colonel Edward H. White National Aeronautics and Space Administration Manned Spacecraft Center 2101 Webster Seabrook Road Houston, Texas

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Dear Jims

Over the weekend I had a chance to read carefully the copy . of your remarks at the Gemini ceremony at the Rose Garden.

They read as good as they sounded then and I thank you for your heart-warming interest in me and for your always impressive devotion and dedication to our country.

Sincerely,

Honorable James E. Webb Administrator National Aeronautics and Space Administration Washington, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

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18 JUN 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Promotion of Navy Astronauts

Pursuant to a request from the Military Aide to the President I submit the attached nomination for the promotions of Commander Walter M. Schirra, U. S. Navy and Lieutenant Commander John W. Young, U. S. Navy.

Following confirmation by the Senate I will issue the necessary commissions to complete the promotions and I will insure that the date of rank assigned Commander Schirra as a captain will be such that he will retain his present seniority in relation to Commander Alan B. Shepard, U. S. Navy, who is due for temporary promotion to captain on 1 July 1965.

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Approval recommended:

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18 June 1965

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My dear Mr. President:

I want you to know of my sincere gratitude for your thoughtful and gracious telephone conversation with me last evening. It is gratifying to me and to the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research to know that you wish a member of the professional staff to accompany the Gemini 4 astronauts and their families during their visit to Paris.

In my opinion, Dr. Mathilde Krim has, in abundance, all of the qualities you wish for in this role and, I am confident, will carry it off in a highly commendable manner.

That you should have taken the time personally to inquire whether Dr. Krim might be relieved of her responsibilities at the Institute for this purpose impressed me deeply, and I am happy to accede to your request.

Respectfully yours,

Frank L. Horsfall, Jr., M.D. President and Director

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. President:

Lloyd Hand, after talking with Jim Webb, suggests the following for Thursday afternoon:

7:00	Some 20 principal officers of State Department meet for buffet with the astronauts and their families.
8:00	Showing of 20 minute film in State Department auditorium. Film to be narrated by the two astronauts. Guests to be members of the diplomatic corps, their wives and children.
8:30	Receiving line: astronauts and families to receive diplomatic corps.
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9:00 Adjourn.

Do you have objection to this plan?

Yes No No

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

MR. VALENTI

Have you called Jim Webb and Clifton

about the Astronaut Ceremony?

Yes___ No___

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Monday, June 14, 1965 6:20 p.m. OSY-1 PRS-2

MR. PRESIDENT:

If we choose to have the Astronauts here on Thursday, June 17 at 11:30 a.m. we ought to begin our basic planning now. Would you like to schedule them at that time?

Jack Valenti

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June 14, 1965

Honorable Weston E. Vivian 2717 Kenilworth Drive in Arbor, Michigan

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ON THIS OCCASION OF MERITED RECOGNITION TO THOSE GREAT AMERICANS McDIVITT AND WHITE, PLEASE EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS PLAYED IN FURTHERING THE NATIONAL SPACE PROGRAM. SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS SHOULD GO TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOR HAVING HELPED PREPARE THESE ASTRO-NAUTS FOR THEIR HISTORIC FLIGHT. OUR OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE PEACEFUL EXPLORATION OF SPACE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND, AND THE SUCCESS OF THE GEMINI-4 WAS AN IMPORTANT STRIDE IN THAT DIRECTION.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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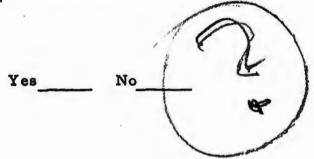
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2. Is the President to see David Susskind on June 16 at 7:30? Has he been notified?

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Yes	No	_

3. Are we to have the astronauts here on Thursday, the 17th at 11:30?



June 14, 1965

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Dear Archbishop lakovost

Your thoughtful message of congratulations to Astronauts McDivitt and White is much appreciated. A copy will be transmitted to each of them.

Not the least of the major factors which contributed to the safe return of these courageous young men was prayer by those of strong faith.

I also appreciate your welcome expressions of confidence in this Country's administration and leadership.

Sincerely.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

His Grace
The Most Reverend James Inkoves
Archbishop of Greek Orthodox
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19 East 79th Street
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COUNCIL WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 11, 1965

Dear Juanita:

You sent me the attached telegram from Archbishop lakovos. The following is a suggested response:

"Your thoughtful message of congratulations to Astronauts Mc Divitt and White is much appreciated. A copy will be transmitted to each of them.

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I also appreciate your welcome expressions of confidence in this Country's administration and leadership."

If the above is satisfactory, please let me know and I will see to it that Jim Webb gets copies of the telegram for Mc Divitt and White.

Sincerely,

E. C. Welsh



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June 10, 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Jack Valenti
The White House

Subject: USIA color film coverage for THE XPRESIDENT'S COUNTRY and the President's Welcome of McDivitt and White

Charles Guggenheim, his camera crew and I are prepared to make the necessary coverages for these two USIA projects this weekend. The following is a list of the scenes which we hope to make. Those involving the President on his ranch are not hard and fast - they can be altered to meet the President's actual activities if they are of similar character.

- (1) Interior of airplane. President Johnson in medium and medium close up. He is reading and then glances out the window to the ground below.
- (2) Morning on the LBJ Ranch The President
 - (a) President Johnson approaching his stock pens, sitting or leaning on fence.
 - (b) Medium close ups and close ups of President Johnson looking over his cattle. Perhaps talking with a ranch hand.
 - (c) Various shots of opportunity of the President inspecting his herd and other livestock.

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Mr. S. Douglass Cater
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. S. Douglass Cater Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cater:

I thought you would be interested in seeing a copy of the message the members of the Soviet Antarctic Expedition at the Mirny Observatory sent to Majors McDivitt and White. This is another example of the fine spirit of cooperation which exists among the nations working together on the Antarctic Continent.

Sincerely yours,

Leland J. Haworth Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Monday - 1:30 p.m. June 7, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Here is an alternative to having the astronauts come to the Rose Garden. At this moment, having them up here on Friday still looks like a difficult possibility - if not an impossible one.

Alternative: You have never inspected the manned-space craft installation in Houston - which is the nerve center of the Gemini operation. The astronauts could have their press conference at the space center on Friday morning. The President could fly to Houston, meet the astronauts Friday afternoon, award them medals in the mission control center - and then do a brief inspection of this newest space installation.

Jim Webb thinks this would be a magnificent thing to do and is going to have more information on this possibility today. The idea of going to Houston is Jim Webb's thought.

After the meeting with the astronauts and the awarding of the medals, you could then go on to the ranch, spend Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday, and possibly Monday there.

Does this idea have any appeal to you - for if it does Jim Webb and I will begin moving forward with preliminary planning?

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. President:

Information in the attached memorandum was agreed to by Director James. Webb.

NASA suggests that since there will now be frequent space flights, you should reconsider the policy of White House receptions and ceremonies for the astronauts.

The next flight is scheduled for June 3 and will last four days. There will be some six days debriefing in Houston, Texas, which will mean approximately ten days from blast-off until they would be at the White House.

Since both of these astronauts are graduates of the University of Michigan and in that the University has asked that both come to the University, Director Webb suggests that you consider not having the White House or Capitol ceremonies and allow it to be handled in this manner.

Do you want a White House ceremony?

Yes	No

Director Webb also states that the Vice President has become most interested in this program and he would like some guidance from you as to what part the Vice President should play. Do you want the Vice President to receive a lot of credit?

Y	es	No

If you said 'No' on the White House ceremony, Director Webb suggests that since the astronauts will be in Houston for debriefing, and if you are in Texas, you might want to have them come to the Ranch.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20546

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

May 24, 1965

MEMORANDUM to Mr. Marvin Watson
The White House

This is in response to your questions about astronaut activities.

During the Mercury program and on into the first manned Gemini flight, space flight was new to this nation and we found a new group of heroes created by the American people. Each flight was a "first" of some kind, we were behind the Russians and our flight program was smaller and more understandable. Both U.S. and Russian space flyers' names became well known.

As a result, New York City always wanted a ticker tape parade and the White House showed, on behalf of the American people, its appreciation of the work the astronauts had done.

We are now entering a new phase of our program. We expect to have gained 2,000 or more hours of space flight between now and the end of the decade when we expect to reach our goal of placing two men on the moon. Each flight, of course, will have new and different elements, but, generally speaking, these are long duration flights of two men (Gemini) and earth orbital Apollo flights.

The image that is, perhaps, best for this nation is that of a nation with this capability, a nation that goes about its work in an orderly and well-planned manner. We will fly these flights as best we can and put these flyers right back into the flight schedule for a future mission.

We feel that any build-up of personalities resulting from these flights should be spontaneous, based not on the fact that the astronauts flew, but what they accomplished in flight or difficulties they overcame or obvious skills they demonstrated.

Each flight is not going to be spectactular, each astronaut is not going to deserve a medal or award or special recognition. We are at the point, we feel, where we have to very carefully look at each flight and consider it as part of an ongoing program which will be oft-repeated in the months to come.

Therefore, we prefer to have a mechanism built into our Public Affairs program which will enable us to react quickly to given situations and to allow us the flexibility to choose the course that appears best at the time of the completion of a successful mission.

We would expect that you would be interested in this kind of flexibility, too, and would want to consider these things against a day-by-day backdrop.

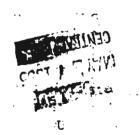
We would not, of course, move forward on any plans without the most careful consultation with the White House, especially those which may have political implications.

On the upcoming flight, Gemini 4, we must consider that Astronauts Grissom and Young were received at the White House less than ten weeks from this launch date (June 3) and participated in New York and Chicago parades. Similar events 90 days later, unless the flight departs radically from the flight plan, may be too much saturation and repetition.

Therefore, in summary, it is our recommendation that we plan no events in advance of the Gemini 4 flight but be prepared to move rapidly in case there is interest there. We will, however, discourage other activity, such as tickertape parades, and will have under consideration a visit by the astronauts to the University of Michigan campus in late June or early July. Both graduated from the University.

Julian Scheer

Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs



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May 18, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. George E. Reedy

Mr. Arthur Sylvester
Mr. James L. Greenfield
Dr. Edward C. Welsh
Dr. Nicholas Golovin

Dr. Donald F. Hornig

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will attempt to launch its second two-man space flight from Cape Kennedy, Fla., no earlier than June 3. Designated Gemini 4, this flight is scheduled to circle the Earth 62 times in four days to evaluate the effects of extended space flight on the crew. Astronaut James A. McDivitt is command pilot and Edward H. White II is pilot for the flight.

A press kit for release May 21 is attached.

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Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. President:

An idea....

why not offer to exchange visits..? Young visit Russia.... the two Soviet astronauts visit us.

Or at least a television exchange by the four.

Bill Moyers

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March 26, 1965

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Dear John:

The Johnson family, along with the entire nation felt the kind of pride Friday that is part of our national history. You and your wife, your children and your parents are now part of the American folklore.

Perhaps you would like to have this picture of the launching as it appeared on TV with a very interested viewer.

Sincerely,

A 3. JOHNSON

Lt. Commander John W. Young United States Navy Manned Space Center Houston, Texas

Enclosure: Photo of President inscribed: "To John Young with-high regard Lyndon B. Johnson"

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March 26, 1965

Dear Gus:

You made this nation proud -- and that includes the Johnson family. I doubt that any American who watched you and your family on television could fail to feel his pulse quicken.

Like millions of others, I was at my TV set when the Molly Brown was launched. I thought you; might like this picture of your historic flight.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHRSON

Major Virgil I. Ğrissom United States Air Force Manned Space Center Houston, Texas

Enclosure: Photo of the President inscribed: "To Gus Grissom with high regard Lyndon B. Johnson"

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MR PRESIDENT

For your information:

You will award NASA medals on Friday to:

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Astronauts Grissom and Young

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Dr. Seamans for his role of leadership in space

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 24, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Jack Valenti

Special Assistant to the President

The White House

There have been so many conversations about medals to be awarded, and because we have encountered certain difficulties which required us to make changes in our own regulations to accommodate this particular ceremony, I think I should put down precisely what we are preparing to do on Friday:

Since Astronaut Grissom received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal (the same as was given to the other astronauts) for his previous flight, we will be awarding him an Oak Leaf Cluster, meaning a second award of this same medal. The citation relates to the fact that he is the first man to enter space and return twice. This means that we will probably not again, except under unusual circumstances, award this NASA Distinguished Service Medal (our highest award) for the flight of an astronaut in the Gemini program and not in the Apollo program until some major milestone is passed.

Astronauts Grissom and Young will be awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Award (one of five medals which rank equally -- the others being Public Service, Scientific Achievement, Outstanding Leadership, and Bravery). This means that for this particular Gemini flight, Grissom and Young will receive the identical award -- the Medal for Exceptional Performance. Thus Grissom will receive two awards, the Oak Leaf Cluster and this one for Exceptional Performance.

Dr. Seamans will receive NASA's Distinguished Service Medal for his work in organizing, administering, and supervising the large-scale organized effort which has produced not only Gemini but Ranger, Mariner, Mercury, and all the others, and which is passing a milestone as the Gemini program proves its space worthiness.

Mr. Schurmeier will receive the Medal for Scientific Achievement (one of the four ranking just below the Distinguished Service Medal and equivalent to the Medal for Exceptional Performance being awarded

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Grissom and Young). This is because of the completion of the Ranger program. He has previously been awarded a Medal of Public Service which ranks below these medals and this was done at the time the first pictures were received back from Ranger 7.

After the President's remarks, he can have someone from the White House staff or Dr. Dryden or me read the citations for Grissom and Young and then present them himself, if you think well of this procedure. Following this, I would like to have one minute to speak about Dr. Seamans' work and then call on Dr. Dryden to read the citation with the President making the presentation after that, if this is satisfactory to the President.

Then, the President could call on Dr. Dryden to read the citation for Mr. Schurmeier with the President making the presentation.

An alternative to the above would be to have the Schurmeier presentation either before or after the two presentations to Grissom and the one to Young, leaving the presentation to Dr. Seamans to the last. My own preference, I think, would be to go in the order of Grissom for the Oak Leaf Cluster and then Grissom for the specific Gemini flight and then Young for his medal; then Schurmeier for his, leaving Seamans for the last.

James E. Webb Administrator

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

March 23, 1965

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Here is the program worked out by Jim Webb on the Astronauts A. 9. activities on Friday.

11:30 Astronauts meet with the President.

MAJOR USRGIE (GUS) LT. COM. JOHN WA

President presents medals to Grissom and Young.

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Also presents NASA highest medal to Dr. Seamans, ASSOCIATE

AOMINISTRATOR, NASA.

Present:

the back-up crew of Schirra and Stafford
Dr. Gilruth from Houston (Robert)

Dr. Debus from the Cape (CUET)

John Glenn

plus appropriate officials from NASA (possibly the top Comgressmen involved in the Space Program, plus the Vice President)

G Then:

a) a motorcade to the Capitol, followed by a luncheon given by Senator Anderson and Chairman George Miller. Only the members of the Appropriations and Space Committees of both houses -- plus astronauts -- are invited. Stag.

You do NOT have to attend.

- b) After the luncheon, Webb plans to take the Astronauts to the Smithsonian Museum of History and Science, where the public can come by, see the astronauts and space exhibits.
- c) At 5:00 p.m. Speaker McCormack plans to hold a congressional reception for members to greet the astronauts.

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SEAMANS — RECEIVES NASA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
YOUNG - RECEIVES SECOND HIGHEST NASA AWARD.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 23, 1965

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Mr. Jack Valenti Special Assistant to the President The White House

In line with our telephone talk, we have now firmed up the following:

- 1. The Rose Garden ceremony will be at 11:30 o'clock, and we will suggest a minimum number of NASA or NASA-related people. We understand that the President will invite members of the Cabinet and the heads of the Executive agencies and will consider what members of Congress he wishes to have as well as others, such as the Justices of the Supreme Court.
- 2. Following the Rose Garden ceremony, there will be a motorcade to the Capitol, followed by a luncheon given by Senator Clinton Anderson, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, and Congressman George Miller, Chairman of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. This will be limited to the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and the members of the two authorizing committees (House and Senate) and the two appropriations committees (House and Senate). It will be a stag luncheon. The guests of honor will be Grissom, Young, Seamans, Gilruth, Debus, and the back-up crew, Schirra and Stafford. We will discuss with Anderson and Miller having the fathers of the astronauts, and I feel sure they will want to do that.
- 3. While the stag luncheon is going on at the Hill, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Webb will be hostesses to the wives of the astronauts, their mothers, and other members of their families who are here. This will probably be held at the Museum of History and Science.
- 4. Following the luncheon at the Senate, if it is possible to do so, we will bring the astronauts to the Museum of History and Science where there will be an exhibit of NASA satellites and other items to which the public will be invited. We feel many people who view the

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motorcade will then go to this exhibit. The astronauts will visit this exhibit briefly and then proceed either to NASA headquarters or to a hotel to get some rest and to prepare for the Congressional reception which will be held in the Caucus Room of the House at five o'clock.

5. Speaker McCormack has suggested that inasmuch as the luncheon to be given by George Miller and Senator Anderson will be in the Senate Conference Room on the Senate side, he hold a Congressional reception in the Caucus Room of the House at five o'clock. We have agreed to this and it will be limited to Members of Congress -- stag.

This, it seems to me, takes care of the problems of having a fairly limited number at the Rose Garden ceremony; having a motorcade to take care of the public as well as giving it the opportunity to visit the exhibit at the Museum of History and Science; takes care of the Senate and House authorizing and appropriates committees at the luncheon given by their chairmen; takes care of the ladies and members of the families through the private luncheon hosted by Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Anderson, et al; and gives each Member of Congress a feeling he has had an opportunity to meet and shake hands with the astronauts.

It should be noted that NASA is strictly limiting the people to be brought to Washington for the ceremonies and for participation in these events. Over and above Grissom and Young, and the back-up crew of Schirra and Stafford, we will involve Dr. Gilruth, Director of the Manned Spacecraft Center at Houston, and Dr. Debus, Director of the Cape Kennedy Launch Center, Dr. Seamans, who is to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and a few of the appropriate officials from NASA Headquarters. We will also invite John Glenn, although he is not now in the program, because he was the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the Earth.

I hope this arrangement will be agreeable with you.

James E. Webb Administrator

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THE WHITE HOUSE

March 22, 1965

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MR. PRESIDENT:

On the current timetable the two astronauts will be flown to Washington on Friday, March 26 or Saturday, March 27.

At that time we would propose that you would personally greet them in the Rose Garden.

Would you be interested in awarding on the spot to Gus Grissom the Presidential Medal of Freedom? Grissom would be the logical man for he will have been the first U.S. astronaut to have been in outer space twice.

Yes

No

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1965

MR. PRESIDENT:

On the current timetable the two astronauts will be flown to Washington on Friday, March 26 or Saturday, March 27.

At that time we would propose that you would personally greet them in the Rose Garden.

Suggestions:

1. Would you be interested in awarding on the spot to Gus Grissom the Presidential Medal of Freedom? Grissom would be the logical man for he will have been the first U. S. Astronaut to have been in outer space twice.

	YesNo
2.	For this ceremony would you like to have all 28 astronauts present during the ceremony of welcome back for Gus Grissom and his companion. John Young
	YesNo
3.	Mayor Wagner is anxious to have a ticker tape parade in New York for the two returning astronauts. Do you have any object to this?
	YesNo
4.	Who in your judgment should accompany the astronauts to New York? Dr. Robert Seamans, who has done so much to further this program, would be a good choice.
	Have Seamans accompany astronauts to New York.
	YesNo

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Doar Julian:

your situation in regard to CBS and your participation in their special the middle of the month. I agree with you, and will say so if and when I am contacted.

Sincerely,

George E. Reedy Press Secretary to the President

Mr. Julian Scheer
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, D. C. 20546

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EXECUTIVE

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

I have sent Lloyd Hand the attached memorandum recommending that the astronauts be sent to South America on a three-week tour.

At the present time we are displaying the Gemini V capsule in Latin America, together with a series of exhibit panels showing U.S. achievements in space.

I have also requested Jim Webb to send John Glenn to a USIS exhibit in Burma to be held February 19-27 on "U.S. Progress in Space, " and I have been advised informally that NASA will consent to this request.

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Mr Lyndon B.Johnson President United States White House Washington D .C.

Dea Mr President;

How thankful we are to have you and your wonderful family occupying our white house just now, I doubt if you and your family were happier than we, when the votes were all in.

Thanks so much for all the nice things you have done for the Glenn tribe, your trip to the Bahamas to meet John Jr, going out of your way to see that his promotion to Colonel, became a reality, is appreciated more than we have words to express.

Our daily prayer is that the good LORD will bless you with health, and strength, and wisdom, as you meet the seemingly terrifick problems that you face each day.

To you, your beautiful wife and daughters, we wish to extend seasons greetings.

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Dear Senator Yarborough:

I am in complete agreement with the objective suggested in your letter of August 21, 1964, to advance Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn to the grade of Colonel in the Marine Corps in recognition of his many accomplishments while in the service of his country.

In normal circumstances, I would strongly favor the use of the authority of Section 5789, Title 10, United States Code, as you suggested. At this time, however, the probable short period remaining before the adjournment of Congress raises the possibility that the necessary action would not be completed. As you know, Lieutenant Colonel Glenn hopes to retire as soon as his recovery permits.

Therefore, notwithstanding my preference for action by Joint Resolution, I have concluded that it would be in Colonel Glenn's interest to promote him under Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution with the advice and consent of the Senate, and I am forwarding his nomination to the Senate today.

Sincerely,

Honorable Ralph Yarborough United States Senate Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

April 9, 1964

Pierre --

Bill Lloyd for purposes of the Kennedy Library is trying to track down a recollection he has that: during one of the 3 orbital flights, JFK came on the open dine we had between yourself and Lloyd in the blockhouse at the Cape and spoke to the Astronaut during the flight.

Which Astronaut was it -- do you recall?

Glenn on Feb 20, 1962; Carpenter on May 24, 1962; Cooper on May 16, 1963?

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