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January 17, 1969

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 10 to the President enclosing the pictures of the Apollo 8 Mission and asking that he sign them for you.

He has done this and asks that they be returned with his best regards.

Sincerely,

**Mike Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President**

**Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.**

EXECUTIVE

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January 14, 1969

Dear Mrs. Haren:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter.

I am certainly glad that Astronaut Lovell's letter was such a success. I am very proud of him -- and I am proud, too, of "The Raiders." America's future rests in the hands of young men with the courage and the discipline that they demonstrate.

Sincerely,

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John H. Reagan High School

Mrs. Donald F. Haren
1809 Rogge Lane
Austin, Texas 78723

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MR. JONES:

Bob Faiss said Bob ^xAlexander of Governor McNair's staff call him this morning to say he would not be able to stay over in Washington tomorrow to witness the Astronaut Ceremony.

Bob Alexander would wait here all day if there was a chance he could run in to have a picture taken with the President.

What should Faiss tell Alexander.

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no chance today

^xMC NAIR, ROBERT E.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Bob

Please save a seat for Lynda and Luci.

Also, please invite the Pat ^xJennings
as per the attached letter.

Washington, D. C.

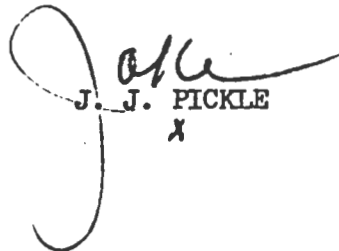
Re: White House Invitation for
The Honorable and Mrs. Pat
Jennings

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Last week The Honorable Pat Jennings made the comment that he and Mrs. Jennings would certainly be proud to be invited to the White House when the astronauts are there this week. Of course, this may not be a timely thing, but my conversation with him reminded me of previous notes I had sent to you and members of the White House staff. Namely, that Pat Jennings had made it possible for us to send thousands of volumes of books to the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin.

No one has been more cooperative or helpful in this respect, just as Pat was a loyal Democrat and Johnson man when he was on the Ways and Means Committee.

Sincerely yours,


J. J. PICKLE
x

JJP:sr

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The White House
Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE 7

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY HONORING THE APPOLLO 8 ASTRONAUTS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE EAST ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE. PLEASE CONFIRM BY RETURN WIRE AND PRESENT THIS TELEGRAM AT THE NORTHWEST GATE AT 10:40 A.M. FOR ADMITTANCE.
JAMES R. JONES SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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MR J L ATWOOD, PRESIDENT

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BY RETURN WIRE

ROBERT D. FAISS, ASS'T TO THE PRESIDENT.

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You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony honoring the Appollo 8 Astronauts on Thursday, January 9, at 11:00 A. M. in the East Room of the White House. Please confirm by return wire and present this telegram at the Northwest gate at 1:40 A. M. for admittance.

James R. Jones, Special Assistant to the President.

Robert D. Faiss, Assistant to the President.

ATWOOD, J. L., El Segundo, California
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BOYD, Virgil, Detroit, Michigan
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GWINN, William, East Hartford, Connecticut
HUNTER, R., Phila. Pennsylvania
LEARSON, T. V., Armonk, New York
LEWIS, David S., St. Louis, Missouri
McKAY, Ken, New York City, New York
McKENZIE, R. I., El Monte, California
SCHMICKRATH, B. A., East Hartford, Connecticut
WILSON, T. A., Seattle, Washington
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CHAPIN, Homer, Springfield, Mass.
HAIRE, John, Elizabeth, New Jersey
MEREDITH, George, New York City, New York
WALKER, James H., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
MARTIN, Thomas, New York City, New York
WOHLBACH, William, Boston, Mass.
REIERSON, Roy L., New York City, New York
LOVELACE, Jon, Los Angeles, California
EDDY, Charles, New York City, New York
JOHNSON, Harold, New York City, New York
MALONE, Edward H., New York City, New York
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NELSON, George, New York City, New York

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STEIN, Howard, New York City, New York

EXTER, John, New York City, New York

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GRIMM, Roland, Boston, Mass.

COTTY, Demond, New York City, New York

LAWRENCE, Robert, Boston, Mass.

CALVIN, Donald, New York City, New York

KARLWEIS, George, New York City, New York

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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George Christian would like to
release tomorrow morning that the
Apollo 8 astronauts will be received
at the White House on Thursday, January 9.
May George announce this?

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Jim J
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may George announce that
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George Christian would like to

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~~THE WHITE HOUSE~~

~~WASHINGTON~~

5:45 p.m., Friday
December 27, 1968

~~FOR THE PRESIDENT~~

~~FROM Joe Califano~~ *John*

~~cc: Tom Johnson~~

In keeping with the Presidential policy of 31 August 1965, one of the three crewmen who piloted Apollo 8 on its spectacular mission around the moon is due for promotion. He is Air Force Major William A. Anders, Apollo 8's lunar modular pilot. Immediately following Presidential announcement, the Department of the Air Force will formalize Major Anders' promotion to Lieutenant Colonel to be effective on mission completion date.

Apollo 8's other two astronauts, Colonel Frank Borman, USAF, and Captain James A. Lovell, Jr., USN, received Presidential promotions to Colonel and Captain respectively after their successful flight aboard Gemini 7 in December 1965. Under the President's policy on the promotion of astronauts, neither Colonel Borman nor Captain Lovell is eligible for another promotion as a result of Apollo 8.

Attached are biographies of the three astronauts and a proposed press release. Also attached for your reference and use is a copy of the policy governing promotion of astronauts.

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GERMAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 27, 1968.

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My dear Mr. President:

President Lübke has asked me to transmit to you the following telegram:

"Mit Ihnen, Herr Präsident, und dem befreundeten Volk der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika freuen wir uns herzlich über den erfolgreichen Verlauf und den glücklichen Abschluß des bisher kühnsten Unternehmens der Raumfahrt. Mit großer Anteilnahme, innerer Bewegung und schließlich mit heller Begeisterung haben die Menschen in Deutschland die einzelnen Etappen des dramatischen Geschehens verfolgt. Wir empfinden tiefe Bewunderung für die Leistungen aller, die zum Gelingen des Experiments beigetragen haben, für die Wissenschaftler und Techniker, insbesondere aber für die drei Männer, deren Namen mit der Geschichte der Raumfahrt verbunden bleiben werden.

Bitte übermitteln Sie Frank Forman, James Lovell und William Anders meine und des deutschen Volkes herzlichsten Glückwünsche. Sie selbst, Herr Präsident, dürfen stolz darauf sein, daß unter Ihrer Präsidentschaft diese großartige Pioniertat gelang, die ein entscheidender Schritt vorwärts ist auf dem Weg zur friedlichen Eroberung des Weltraums.

Heinrich Lübke

Präsident der Bundesrepublik Deutschland."

The unofficial English translation of this telegram reads as follows:

"We join you, Mr. President, and with our friends, the

American people in relating your...

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FROM JOE CALIFANO
TO THE PRESIDENT
INFO TOM JOHNSON
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5:45 P. M., FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27, 1968

IN KEEPING WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL POLICY OF 31 AUGUST 1965, ONE OF THE THREE CREWMEN WHO PILOTED APOLLO 8 ON ITS SPECTACULAR MISSION AROUND THE MOON IS DUE FOR PROMOTION. HE IS AIR FORCE MAJOR WILLIAM A. ^XANDERS, ^XAPOLLO 8'S ^XLUNAR MODULAR PILOT. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WILL FORMALIZE MAJOR ANDERS' PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL TO BE EFFECTIVE ON MISSION COMPLETION DATE.

APOLLO 8'S OTHER TWO ASTRONAUTS, COLONEL FRANK ^XBORMAN, USAF, AND CAPTAIN JAMES A. ^XLOVELL, JR., USN, RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTIONS TO COLONEL AND CAPTAIN RESPECTIVELY AFTER THEIR SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT ABOARD GEMINI 7 IN DECEMBER 1965. UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY ON THE PROMOTION OF ASTRONAUTS, NEITHER COLONEL BORMAN NOR CAPTAIN LOVELL IS ELIGIBLE FOR ANOTHER PROMOTION AS A RESULT OF APOLLO 8.

ATTACHED ARE BIOGRAPHIES OF THE THREE ASTRONAUTS AND A PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE. ALSO ATTACHED FOR YOUR REFERENCE AND USE IS A COPY OF THE POLICY GOVERNING PROMOTION OF ASTRONAUTS.

PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 31, 1965, THE PRESIDENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF MAJOR WILLIAM A. ANDERS, U.S. AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANDERS WAS THE LUNAR MODULE PILOT ON APOLLO 8, THE FIRST MANNED FLIGHT TO ORBIT THE MOON AND THE SECOND MANNED FLIGHT IN THE LUNAR LANDING PROGRAM, WHICH SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS MISSION ON DECEMBER 27, 1968.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANDERS ENTERED THE AIR FORCE IN 1955 FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY. HE WAS ONE OF THE THIRD GROUP OF ASTRONAUTS SELECTED BY NASA IN OCTOBER 1963 -- APOLLO 8 WAS HIS FIRST SPACE FLIGHT.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROMOTION POLICY FOR ASTRONAUTS PROVIDES

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December 26, 1968
6:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Tom Johnson

The astronauts are scheduled for splashdown in the Pacific Friday at 10:50 a.m. EST, which is in the night at splash-down point. NASA reports that it is probably that the astronauts will not be aboard ship in the Pacific until about 1:30 p.m. EST. However, their safety would be known within 10 to 20 minutes of splashdown. Based on this, the President may wish to consider the following:

1. Release prepared statement when safety is known.

Yes _____ No _____

The President read the statement for television cameras.

Yes _____ No _____

2. Call the astronauts' wives on a conference call as soon as we get word of the astronauts' safety, at about 11 a.m.

Yes _____ No _____

3. Contact the astronauts aboard ship by phone between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

Yes _____ No _____

Before television cameras.

Yes _____ No _____

MR. HOPKINS: ORIG. COPY TO SITUATION ROOM

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXPRESO A USTED LOS VOTOS DEL PUEOLO Y DEL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO

COMA ASI COMO LOS MIOS PERSONALES COME PORQUE CONTINUE Y

LLEGUE A VENTUROSA CONCLUSION EL VUELO DEL APOLO-8 Y DE SUS

EROICOS TRIPULANTES BORMAN COMA LOVELL Y ANDRES PUNTO ESTOY SEGURO DE

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OS ESFUERZOS DE TODOS HAVIA UNA CONVIVENCIA AMISTOSA EN NUESTRO
PLANETA PUNTO LO FELICITA Y SALUDA AFECTUOSAMENTE SU AMIGO

GUSTAVO DIAZ ORDAZ PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS.

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December 17, 1968

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Dear Maggie:

It is most appropriate in this week, when our astronauts are preparing for their first journey to the moon, that the Aero Club of Washington is presenting the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy to you.

By your three decades of dedicated service in the Congress, helping to shape national and international policies and programs for the advancement of aviation and the peaceful exploration and use of space, you have yourself become a space-age pioneer.

Our scientists and engineers, our flyers and astronauts, who have been so successful in crossing new frontiers in the air and in space, would have been grounded without your vision and strong support.

I congratulate you most heartily on this well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senator
Wright Brothers Memorial Dinner
Sheraton-Park Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Handed to Mr. Magnuson
by Mrs.

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cc: Jim Jones/Harry Middleton/Peter Benchley/Eliška Hasek/CF
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When signed, to be delivered by WH car to Mr. Donald R. Jackson,
Chairman, Wright Mem. Dinner Comm., Aero Club of Washington,
1629 K St., NW., Washington, D. C. 20006

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Monday, December 2, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proclamation of the Astronaut Agreement

Attached at Tab A for your signature is a proclamation of the Agreement on the Rescue and Return of Astronauts and Return of Space Objects.

The appropriate instruments of ratification are being deposited Tuesday, December 3, in London, Moscow, and Washington. This will bring the Agreement into force.

The State Department proposes that the proclamation be issued in a routine manner without ceremony.

At Tab B is a proposed White House press release on the proclamation.

Walt Rostow

If you approve, we will need your signature on the proclamation _____

Disapprove _____

Call me _____

12/2/68: Proclamation signed & dated.

1/8: Proclamation returned to State Dept. Nov 25/12.

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November 21, 1968

Dear Mr. Fowler:

The President was interested to learn of the special project undertaken by the students and staff of Colonel John Glenn Elementary School. He sends warm greetings to all who will be participating in this patriotic effort.

In his remarks at Lewiston, Maine, in 1966, the President said,

"If I could write one letter to every American citizen I would make it brief but direct. I would say:

"My fellow citizen, democracy depends on whether you are willing to conduct yourself as if the destiny of many others were in your hands, and as if the future and character of our Nation were to be decided by what you are and what you do. Live every day with the knowledge that America is the sum total of all the decisions you and people like you are making this very hour."

I am happy to enclose an autographed photograph, together with some releases which may be useful for your display. They are sent to you with the President's best wishes for a challenging and fruitful endeavor.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mr. Richard H. Fowler
* Colonel John Glenn Elementary School
X 1300 East Dartmoor Avenue
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131

Col. John Glenn

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Enclosures: B & W autog. photo signed: "Lyndon B. Johnson"; 3 rels of Feb 20 and 23, 1962 re flight of astronaut John Glenn; rel of 6/11/68, P's rmks to Capitol Page School Grads; rel of 6/10/68, P's rmks to 1968 Presidential Scholars; rel of 1/26/68, P's rmks to delegates at Senate Youth Prog; rel of 2/22/65, P's rmks at Univ. of Ky; rel of 3/3/65, P's rmks at Smithsonian Inst. (Quotation from rel of 8/20/66, rmks by P at Lewiston, Maine)

cc: Mr. Middleton
Mr. Shoemaker

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NIGHTLETTER NOVEMBER 20, 1968

Lt. Col. Donn F. Eisele, USAF
c/o Mr. Mark L. Mowrey
Banquet Chairman
* Donn F. Eisele Day
80 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

I was delighted to hear that so many hometown friends are gathering in your honor. No one deserves their tribute more.

Your bravery has made you a hero for all your fellow Americans, and has earned you our nation's gratitude.

Nothing could please me more than to share in the admiration and pride of those who have followed your career from youth, and into whose midst you have brought such an enviable example of dedicated public service.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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CC: Juanita Roberts, Eliska Hasek, Loyd Hackler, Mary Hooper, Harry Middleton, CF

Req'd by: Banquet Chm, Mr. Mark Mowrey
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Dear Mr. Van Valkenburg:

Thank you for the nice words about help at the Ranch and the Apollo 7 ceremony.

Glad to be of help!

Sincerely,

Loyd Hackler
Assistant Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. George^x Van Valkenburg
Channel 28, KCET
1313 North Vine Street
Los Angeles, California 90028

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20546

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

November 15, 1968

MEMORANDUM to Mr. James Jones
The White House

I have just learned that the Vice President
will visit Cape Kennedy for a NASA briefing
and tour Monday, November 18. Arrives
11:35 a.m., departs 2:30 p.m., EST. Will
see Apollo 8 astronauts.
X



Julian Scheer
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs

cc: George Christian
Elizabeth Carpenter

EXECUTIVE *
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November 15, 1968

Dear Miss ^{Ellen M.} ~~Kress~~:

The President asked me to reply to your recent letter concerning the Medal of Honor ceremony of September 19, 1968.

As you know, the President was extremely proud of all five of the Medal of Honor recipients honored on that day. Accordingly, he autographed pictures to all of the recipients including your uncle, First Sergeant ^{David} McNerney. He also directed that we send photographs to all family members present on that day.

Unfortunately, there were four Kresses present at the ceremony and the Army was unable to identify which picture was yours. As is our custom in a case like that, we sent all of the pictures to your uncle and asked that he identify them and forward them on to you. I know that he was in the process of packing to once again go to Vietnam and so, perhaps, he was unable to complete the task. If, for some reason, you have not now received the picture or if he does not still have your picture, please don't hesitate to write me again and we will attempt to obtain a copy for you.

On behalf of the President, my best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

HAYWOOD R. SMITH
Colonel, United States Marine Corps
Armed Forces Aide to the President

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November 7, 1968
Thursday - 1:00 p.m.

**MEMORANDUM FOR
COL. HAYWOOD SMITH**

I am sending the attached back to you.
We are thinking about a White House
dinner for all the astronauts.

If we do, this might be an appropriate
occasion to renew these awards for
the President's presentation.

James R. Jones

Memo to JRJ dated October 30, 1968 from Haywood Smith
re presentation of Distinguished Service Medal and Distinguished
Flying Cross to Schirra and Eisele, *Nov 7.*

JRJ:ny

Walter M.

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November 1, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS

From: Tom Johnson

You should assemble in the Johnson City Press Center no later than 9:30 a. m.

Buses will depart Johnson City Press Center at 9:45 a. m.

Individual cars will not be permitted inside the Ranch, except for the following four network cars with sound crews (ABC, NBC, CBS, UPI). (Use Boy Scout entrance)

There will be live capability for network transmission.

There will be only 8 telephones at the Ranch hangar. As soon as the event ends all press except wires and those on severe filing deadlines will be taken back to Johnson City.

The program will begin in the hangar at 10:30 a. m.

- *Cunningham, Walter
- *Eisler, Donn F.
- *Schirra, Walter W. Jr.

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Date: November 1, 1968

TO: JIM JONES

FROM: BOB FAISS

This is the NASA package. Julian^x Scheer needs your quick approval of the NASA party, particularly the industry representatives, so he may issue invitations.

Maguire has the suggested speech.

I think you might want to put one person in charge of overseeing this ceremony, someone such as Loyd Hackler who will be in Texas to follow through. I kinda get the idea NASA has its own ideas on how to run things, and someone should stay on top of them.

cc
mam

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8:45 a. m.

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Mr. Jones:

The wives of these men are presently at the NASA center in Houston. Their homes are in the metropolitan area of Houston. If you need information as to how long they will be around the Center, you may wish to contact the head -- Dr. Robert Gilruth.

Clara Hyatt
Correspondence Section

(The above information per the National Space Council, Ext. 3300 -(direct dial)).

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

OCT 21 1968

MEMORANDUM to Mr. James Jones
The White House

Cunningham, Walter
Eisele, Donn F.
Schirra, Walter M. Jr.

In response to your request for program plans in which the President could participate in Texas in an Awards Ceremony for the Apollo 7 astronauts, the following plans are offered for your consideration:

1. The Apollo 7 astronauts will participate in a presentation to the press and a press conference on Saturday, November 2, at the Manned Spacecraft Center Auditorium in Houston. If the President does not participate, NASA Exceptional Service Medals would be presented to all three at 9:30 a.m. CDT and the presentation and press conference would follow. The latter is expected to take one hour and 15 minutes to an hour and a half and will consist of a description of the mission by the astronauts, plus the first showing of an excellent film made by the astronauts while in flight.

The presentation and the press conference (questions and answers) will be televised live by the three networks, according to early indications.

2. If the President desires to be present at the Manned Spacecraft Center, the program can be adjusted in a number of ways. First, we will arrange the events to take place either morning or afternoon. Secondly, the program itself could be so arranged as to have the President either participate in the Awards Ceremony only or in the Awards Ceremony and the presentation. The program could be arranged this way:

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a) The President would present Exceptional Service Awards to the astronauts and NASA's Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Webb.

b) The President could then be seated before the press and television while the astronauts make their presentation.

c) We would break the program at this point to allow the President to depart and, after the intermission, move into the press conference portion of the affair.

d) The President could depart immediately after the Awards presentation.

3. The President could be host to the astronauts and Mr. Webb and party at the Ranch the morning of November 2. The medals could be presented at that time, followed, if desired, by lunch or anything else the President may desire.

The group would then depart for Houston for the presentation and press conference.

4. The presentation and press conference could take place in Houston in the morning and the group could depart immediately thereafter for the awarding of medals at the Ranch.

Flying time from Ellington Air Force Base, near the Manned Spacecraft Center, to the LBJ Ranch is 50 minutes via NASA Gulfstream. It is much quicker by Presidential aircraft. Past experience of the Secret Service is that transportation from Ellington to the Manned Spacecraft Center is best by automobile rather than helicopter. Driving time is 10-12 minutes on Saturday.

We have talked with the military services following your discussion with Colonel Thurmond in Secretary Clifford's office. The Navy is planning to present Captain Schirra with the Distinguished Service Medal and the Air Force will present Lt. Colonel Eisele with the Distinguished Flying Cross. In the past it has been felt that military award ceremonies and civilian space award ceremonies should not be combined and the services have had appropriate separate ceremonies at the Pentagon. This idea seems to prevail again.

As you can see, we are prepared to work with you in any way desirable to accomplish the kind of program most appropriate.



T. O. Paine
Acting Administrator

Attachment

Participants

Mr. James E. Webb, former Administrator, NASA.

Dr. Thomas O. Paine, Acting Administrator, NASA.

Captain Walter M. Schirra, Jr., USN, NASA Astronaut.

Lt. Col. Donn F. Eisele, USAF, NASA Astronaut.

Mr. Walter Cunningham, NASA Astronaut.

Wives and children of astronauts at Houston or,
if desired, at Ranch.

Parents of Captain Schirra and Lt. Col. Eisele
at Houston or, if desired, at Ranch.

Dr. George E. Mueller, Associate Administrator for
Manned Space Flight, at Houston and Ranch.

Lt. Gen. Samuel C. Phillips, Director, Apollo
Program, at Houston or, if desired, at Ranch.

Dr. Robert R. Gilruth, Director, Manned Spacecraft
Center, at Houston or, if desired, at Ranch.

Name	Date
Nell Yates	12/9/68



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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The public and press response to the success of Apollo 7 has exceeded our expectations and, because of your great interest in this mission, I thought you would be interested in this early sampling of editorial comment and editorial cartoons.

Respectfully yours,

T. O. Paine
Acting Administrator

Enclosure

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October 23, 1968

FOR JIM JONES

FROM: Tom Johnson

I called Jim Webb this morning at the President's instructions. The President said he wanted Jim to really lay on a big production for weekend after next either at Houston or the ranch to welcome back the three Appollo astronauts.

Webb will be reporting to us.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1968

FOR JIM JONES

FROM: ^{*Tom*} Tom Johnson

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Webb will be reporting to us.

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*ME i/c**

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October 22, 1968

Mrs. Walter ^{*}Cunningham
1434 Davon Lane
Nassau Bay
Houston, Texas 77058

Telephone: 713-591-2430

**Mrs. Johnson and I know what a happy and historic morning
this must be for you. We share your pride and thankfulness
that Walter Cunningham has returned safely and that Apollo 7
has been such a magnificent success. It is your success too,
and America is glad to acknowledge our debt to your courage.
God bless you and your good husband always.**

LYNDON B. JOHNSON



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


22 October 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Bill Gulley
The White House

Attached are a press release and biographical sketch for Major *Darren F.*
Eisele.

I understood from Colonel Robinson that the President wanted this released by the White House and that there was some urgency to get the release to Mr. Christian's office.

Air Force is prepared to send a priority message to the Essex upon notification that the White House has made the press release. Therefore, I would appreciate your calling us, day or night, to let us know when the release has been made.


J. R. Thurman
Colonel, USA
Military Assistant

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October 22, 1968

Mrs. Walter M. ^{*}Schirra, Jr.
207 Pine Shadow Drive
Timbercove
Seabrook, Texas 77586

Telephone: 713-877-2777

Mrs. Johnson and I are so happy that your husband has returned safely from his historic mission. The courage of the Apollo 7 crew has been equaled by that of their wives. You are the real back-up crew and this Nation admires you and thanks you for it. God bless you and Commander Schirra.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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October 22, 1968

Mrs. Dean F. ^{*}Eisele
414 Bayou View Drive
El Lago
Seabrook, Texas 77586

Telephone: 713-877-2896

Mrs. Johnson and I have been praying with you for the safe return of your gallant husband. Now that Apollo 7 has come back safely, we are proud to share in your joy. God bless you and Major Eisele.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

October 21, 1968
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FOR ED WELSH

FYI

**Someone at NASA should be put
into orbit for this piece of junk.**

Charles Maguire

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1968
6 p.m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: George Christian *GC*

The television and radio networks have requested approval to carry live any message of the President if he calls the astronauts in the morning.

If approved, they will need to know about an hour in advance of any call.

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FROM DONNA MALONEY
TO JIM JONES
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ED WELSH DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR THE
PRESIDENT'S CONSIDERATION. IF THIS IS TO BE SENT
— SEND IT IN CARE OF DR. ROBERT R. SILRUTH,
DIRECTOR, MANNED SPACECRAFT CENTER, NASA,
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056.

THE DRAFT READS AS FOLLOWS:

DRAFT - ED WELSH
10/11/68

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE ASTRONAUTS ON THE
APOLLO 7 FLIGHT: CAPT. WALTER M. SHIRRA, JR. (USN),
MAJOR DONN F. EISELE (USAF), MR. WALTER CUNNINGHAM.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SPLENDID BEGINNING OF THIS
APOLLO 7 FLIGHT. THE NATION IS PROUD OF YOU AND OF
THE MANY IN NASA, THE SERVICES, AND THE PRIVATE COMPANIES
WHICH HAVE COMBINED TO MAKE SUCH A SUCCESSFUL MANNED
SPACE FLIGHT TEAM.

EVERYTHING IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE CAME TO A HALT AS WE
WATCHED WITH MOUNTING EXCITEMENT THE MAGNIFICENT LAUNCH OF
THE SATURN 1B. YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE THE GREAT PLEASURE
WHICH FILLED THE ROOM AS WORD CAME OF YOUR SUCCESSFUL
INSERTION INTO ORBIT.

THE PATH TO THE MOON TAKES COURAGE, ABILITY, AND DEVOTION
TO OUR GOALS. YOU ARE MAKING A MAJOR STRIDE ON THIS
STAR-STUDDED WAY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1968

Joe:

Question: Does the Astronauts' promotion policy which you worked out for the Gemini flight series also apply to Apollo?

There are three astronauts in the Apollo craft:

- Navy Captain ~~Schirra~~, *WALTER*
- NASA Civilian ~~Cunningham~~, *WALTER*
- Air Force Major ~~Eisley~~, *DONN*

Under the Gemini policy you only get promoted once for a successful flight and in no event can be promoted to Flag or General officer.

If this policy prevails then the only change would be a promotion for Eisely from Major to Lt. Colonel. NASA, as you know, gives non-promotion awards to its civilians and possibly a special award in this case to Schirra.

Am I safe in assuming that this is the way we will handle Apollo?

yes no

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October 11, 1968

The Honorable Lyndon Bains Johnson
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Through your generous courtesy I have just seen the launching of the Apollo VII First Manned Flight in the Lunar Landing program at the John F. Kennedy Space Center.

On behalf of the New Zealand Government and our people I extend to you and all involved the highest admiration for the technological skill of the American people which is reflected in this historic world event and would be grateful if my warmest congratulations could be conveyed to the intrepid crew of the spacecraft.

I am being overwhelmed by the welcome and attention given to Mrs. Holyoake and me at the space center today.

With warm personal regards,

Keith Holyoake

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Dear Mr. Parker:

It was thoughtful of you to see that I received one of the ballpoint pens, specially designed from a portion of the Atlas booster used on the space flight of John Glenn. Thank you for providing this historical memento for my collection.

With my warm appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature

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x
Mr. George Parker
President
The Parker Pen Company
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

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To the Senate: 10/31/68

TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

Today I ask the Senate to take another step toward stable peace on this threatened earth.

I am proud to transmit, for advice and consent to ratification, the Astronaut Assistance and Return Agreement.

This Agreement proves again that a divided world can and must overcome its differences. In spirit and substance it embodies the three principles guiding America's quest for peace which I discussed last month at Glassboro.

First, peace must be earned.

Peace must be built in patient steps as human trust grows to meet human need. At best, it is a slow, hard job. The Astronaut Agreement comes to the Senate after five long years of painstaking negotiation between the United States, the Soviet Union, and other members of the United Nations Outer Space Committee. It is a step -- and an important step -- in the hopeful journey which began in this decade with the Limited Test Ban Treaty. We marked a great milestone in this journey when we signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty last week in Moscow, London, and Washington. I hope and believe we can soon advance further on this road when we sit down to talk with the Russians about the limitation and reduction of offensive and defensive strategic weapons.

... the path to world peace is as difficult for the United States and the Soviet Union to follow it together.



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July 12, 1968

MEMORANDUM to Mr. Jim Jones
The White House

You might want to make note: Astronaut Neil Armstrong, a native of Ohio, will be at the National Governors Conference when the President speaks. He's an Ohio "resource".


Julian Scheer
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 8, 1968

Mr. John Furman
Assistant Director of Promotion
WSB Radio and Television
1601 West Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Furman:

As you learned in your telephone conversation with Wade St.Clair, the July 4 date for John Young is impossible. John is the backup pilot for the first manned Apollo flight which hopefully will be coming up just a few weeks after your big event. Also in considering a substitute, as Mr. St.Clair pointed out to you, we try not to get astronauts involved in parades--there are just thousands and we try to keep them from being just window-dressing and, when they do have time for appearances, we prefer a speaking engagement. It appears that this is not feasible either in your scheme of things for the "Salute to America."

Tom Johnson has been on top of this and has urged us to assist you in any way we can. He is a great booster for Atlanta and Georgia--we're glad we've got him in Washington, though--and that makes it doubly hard not to be able to work this out. I hope you will give us the opportunity to support you in some future endeavor and I am sincerely sorry this did not work out.

Sincerely,

Julian Scheer
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs



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

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 8, 1968

MEMORANDUM to Tom Johnson
The White House

We talked with your friend John Furman and I believe he is well satisfied that we really wanted to help and that Tommy Johnson had the whole damn space program worrying about the Atlanta parade! Try us again.

Regretfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julian Scheer", is written over the typed name.

Julian Scheer
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs

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February 9, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JAMES WEBB
ADMINISTRATOR, NASA

FROM: Tom Johnson

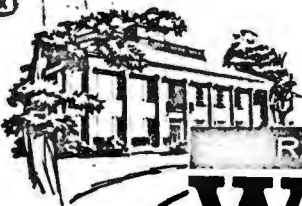
We have been asked to determine whether or not Astronaut John Young would participate in a fourth of July celebration in Atlanta.

In the event that Commander Young is unavailable, the "Salute to America" parade would very much like to get another of the veteran astronauts for this event.

The attachments outline the program, and it would be a plus to have NASA represented in my judgment.

TJ:sb

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February 7, 1968

Mr. Tommy Johnson
Asst. Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Tommy:

As per our conversation today, I am enclosing several parade brochures which I hope will be helpful to you in explaining our Fourth of July celebration.

The astronaut I wish to invite is Commander John Young, who is a graduate of Georgia Tech. In the event that he is unable to attend due to a prior commitment, we would accept a substitute astronaut who is well known.

The Eighth Annual "Salute to America" Parade will be held on Thursday, July 4, at 3 p.m. in Atlanta. Actor John Wayne has already accepted the position of Grand Marshal of the parade.

WSB-TV will provide live color television coverage of the parade.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter. I am looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Cordially,

John Furman
Asst. Director of Promotion

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February 6, 1968

TO HELEN COLLE:

This is a request which I think should be handled by your office, even at this late date. Incidentally, the letter reached me only yesterday.

Whether accepted personally or mailed to the White House, I would think the gift would be an acceptable one.

Thanks.

Lucy Ferguson

Ltr. to the President dated 1/18/68

from: Manfred R. ^{x*}Lehmann, President, Maldivian Philatelic Agency, Ltd.

re having Maldivian Ambassador present a leather stamp album, commemorating the tragic death of three astronauts last January 27.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee:

Thank you for your kindness in sending Mrs. Johnson and me an inscribed copy of "...On Course To The Stars." We are happy to have this book for our library and to share the pride which you and the entire Nation have in the achievements and high ideals of Roger ^x Chaffee a loving and devoted son; a brave and courageous astronaut.

Mrs. Johnson joins me in extending every good wish to you and your family.

Sincerely,

LBJ

Mr. and Mrs. Don Chaffee
3710 Hazelwood, SW.
Wyoming, Michigan 49509

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Full Powers for Signature of an Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts, and the Return of Objects Launched Into ~~Outer~~ Space

OUTER

Enclosed for the President's signature are three Full Powers authorizing (1) Dean Rusk, (2) Llewellyn Thompson and Emory C. Swank, and (3) David K. E. Bruce, Philip Kaiser, and Stanley M. Cleveland, to sign an agreement on the rescue of astronauts, the return of astronauts, and the return of objects launched into outer space.

It is proposed that the agreement be signed on the same date, in Washington, London, and Moscow, by representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union. Thereafter, it will be open to all States for signature until its entry into force. It will enter into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification by five governments including the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union.

Robert C. Fouché
for Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Three Full Powers.

*3 Full Powers (as named) signed & dated: 1/15/68
Returned to State, Rm 7512; 1/15/68*

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Date: 12-18-67

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TO: W. MARVIN WATSON

FROM: JAMES R. JONES

Harold

Julian Scheer of NASA called to say we might consider sending some astronauts to Australia for any funeral plans for PM Holt. He said Holt was very interested in the space program.

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

William, Clifford Curtis

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

October 6, 1967

MEMORANDUM to Mr. George Christian
The White House

The attached outlines plans for the astronaut funeral here Monday. No one else in the White House has this information, in case you want to pass it to appropriate people.

Regards,

Julian Scheer
Assistant Administrator
for Public Affairs

10/7/67

TO MARIE FEHMER

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From: George Christian

July 17, 1967

FOR CHUCK ROCHE

FROM Larry Levinson *LEL*

W/K
Could you give me your latest reading
on whether we ought to send Major
Lawrence to the Chicago Defender's
Parade?
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

July 11, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: August 12 Chicago Parade

Reference your query yesterday concerning possible appearance of Major Robert H. Lawrence, Jr., MOL astronaut, at the parade in Chicago on August 12, the following is provided:

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D. ...
x The parade is an annual affair, sponsored by the Chicago Defender, a Negro newspaper, and the parade takes place in general in the Negro area. Colonel Springer, our Chicago representative, advises that there is normally a large turn out by the Negro population, that the parade has sort of a folklore and Christmas Santa Claus type approach. In past years there has been some difficulty by military participants; i.e., comments from spectators and objects thrown at the military by spectators. Hence all Services have more or less backed away and low keyed this event. This year the Army is providing a Color Guard and the Navy is providing a local band. The Air Force has no participation. The event is normally attended by the Mayor of Chicago, the local Congressman, and is terminated by a large local picnic. Colonel Springer is less than enthusiastic over Major Lawrence's possible participation, although he does not anticipate any difficulties.

Everything else being equal we see no particular value to the Air Force by Major Lawrence's participation. In the past our MOL astronauts, after their initial press conference on selection, have been "under wraps" with no public visibility. A precedence would be established by permitting Major Lawrence to attend this function and could result in many demands for our MOL astronauts which could have an impact on this sensitive program. In the past we have turned down requests, as has NASA

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LARRY -

We have no recommendation
on this.

Chuck

with their astronauts, based on the fact that the heavy training schedule would not permit public appearances.

If political or other considerations are not overriding, I recommend we turn down this request on the same basis that we have used in the past.

This is the question.



WILLIAM C. GARLAND
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Information

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STRAIGHTWIRE June 6, 1967

Mrs. Edward G. ^{*}Givens, Jr.
c/o Manned Spacecraft Center
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Houston, Texas 77058

Americans everywhere mourn the untimely death of your
courageous husband.

Edward Givens was undeterred in dedication to his nation.
And his fellow citizens are undivided in their gratitude for
his distinguished service.

Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts are
with you and your family, and we pray that God's sustaining
strength may fill the emptiness of this sad and sudden loss.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

LBJ:WRS:EH:sar

CC: Juanita Roberts, Will Sparks, Eliska Hasek, Bob Fleming, Mary Hooper,
CF

Req'd. by: The President
Due: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MITCHELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

P. O. BOX 216 — MITCHELL, INDIANA 47446
May 25, 1967

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Mitchell Chamber of Commerce^x and citizens of this area are planning to erect a memorial in honor of Col. Virgil I. "Gus"^x Grissom in Mitchell, Indiana. We are forming a honorary board of directors for this project and we would like for you to serve as honorary chairman of this board.

The construction of this proposed memorial honoring Gus Grissom for his achievements in our space program has met with much enthusiasm. The fund now carries a balance of \$16,000.00 and we have yet many areas to reach.

Enclosed you will find information pertaining to our pledge to build this memorial. Also, a list of the honorary board of directors.

Please give this request your consideration and send us your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

D.W. Caudell
D.W. Caudell
President

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Virgil S. Grissom Fund
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File by Mrs. [unclear] 7/4/68

A City Of Diversified Industry In The Heart Of The Hoosier Hills
Home Of Astronaut Virgil I. Grissom * The Persimmon Festival * Spring Mill State Park

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211 Pine Shadows Drive
Seabrook, Texas 77586
May 22, 1967

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

My children and I have a request to make on behalf of my late husband, Gus Grissom. We believe that we have found the only truly befitting tribute to him -- which is to name the Manned Spacecraft Center here in Houston, The Grissom Manned Spacecraft Center.

Gus is the first senior astronaut to give his life for America's Space Program. His dedication and hard work, since the early Mercury days, is a matter of record. His duty always came first.

This idea has been brought to our attention from people all over the world. It is our hope and prayer that you will also feel that Gus deserves this honor.

Sincerely,

Betty Grissom

bert H. Humphrey

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1967

To: Director Webb
From: Marvin Watson

Will you prepare a reply for the President's signature on the attached. Thank you.

Attachment

Refer to Webb
to forward reply.

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NIGHTLETTER May 4, 1967

Captain Alan B. ^{x+}Shepard, USN
c/o Paul ^xHaney
Public Relations Officer
Manned Spacecraft Center
Houston, Texas

The trailblazing by ^xFreedom 7 will long be remembered as the start of our Nation's achievements in the Age of Space. This message brings warm regards to you, Alan, and to your colleagues and associates who have gathered to celebrate the Sixth Anniversary of your historic flight.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

LEJ:WRS:Nat. Aeronautics & Space Council:sar,
CC: Juanita Roberts, Will Sparks, Bob Fleming, Mary Hooper, CF

DUE: May 5, 1967
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May 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Levitt:

Thank you for your telegram of April 24, addressed to the President, in which you suggest that an American astronaut be sent to attend the funeral of Soviet Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov.

As you may have seen in the press, Mr. Julian X Scheer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has said that the American Government did think of sending astronauts L. Gordon Cooper and Frank X Borman as a token of respect. X Scheer said that inquiry to the Soviet Government brought the response that the funeral would be an internal affair.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel Davis

X
Mr. Albert Levitt
25418 Crenshaw Boulevard
Torrance, California 90505

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 25, 1967

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For THE PRESIDENT
FROM Joe CALLAHAN INFO: George Christian & WALT ROSTOW
~~MEMORANDUM TO GEORGE CHRISTIAN~~

~~From: Fred Panzer~~

MORNING

Subject: Tuesday News Summary

Baltimore Sun/Md.

I. Front Page News

A. Washington Post ^{D.C.} banners the death of Soviet Cosmonaut Komarov. An insert to the lead story mentions President Johnson's message of regret.

Prominent page one stories include:

William C.

1) Westmoreland speech coverage with pix headed: ~~he says~~ "Protests Encourage Enemy in Viet-Nam; no early end of war seen. In answer to a question, he said he was "delighted" at the news of yesterday's raid on Haiphong. Earlier Senator Percy had expressed his "strong dissent" about them.

2) Announcement of Westmoreland's address to Congress and briefing of Governors. ~~Chal Roberts~~ reporting latter story said: The effect of Westmoreland appearances is "to provide an official backdrop for the latest escalation of the war and a rationale for possible new troop deployments." He said that it is understood LBJ approve these escalations but only agreed to step up air war. He rejected proposals to send more troops or pull back to enclaves. "A source" said Westmoreland will again ask for troops, wants an additional 100,000 and will probably get some.

3) "Bonn Crowds are Friendly to Johnson" was head atop funeral story. ~~Pin showed LBJ and Adenauer sons.~~ Kilpatrick said warm reception was a big surprise in view of Viet-Nam and European criticism of Johnson Administration.

B. New York Times ^{N.Y.} gives lead story over to Soviet Spaceman. Also speculates his death will slow but halt their program.

Other page one coverage:

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FROM JOE CALIFANO
TO THE PRESIDENT
INFO WALT ROSTOW
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

9:40 PM, MONDAY
APRIL 24, 1967

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOE CALIFANO

WEBB AND KATZENBACH BOTH BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEND AN ASTRONAUT AND HIS WIFE TO THE SOVIET FUNERAL FOR THEIR COSMONAUT. WEBB RECOMMENDS FRANK BORMAN, WHO WAS THE COMMAND PILOT OF THE GEMINI IV FLIGHT WHICH WAS IN ORBIT FOR 14 DAYS. BORMAN WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE INVESTIGATION BOARD ON THE APOLLO ACCIDENT AND WEBB SAID HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

KATZENBACH SAID THAT, BEFORE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE, THERE SHOULD BE A CHECK MADE QUIETLY WITH THE RUSSIANS TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT. HE NEEDS PROMPT AUTHORITY TO SEND A CABLE TO THOMPSON IN MOSCOW SO THE CHECK CAN BE MADE. IF YOU APPROVE, I WILL TELL NICK TO SEND THE CABLE.

APPROVE-----

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Dear President Johnson,

The certificate honoring Col
means a great deal to the pil-
dren and me and we would like
to thank you very much for doing
this for him.

Col was a man completely dedi-
cated to his country. He was both
humble and grateful for being in the
space program and I am sure he
would not change one thing if he

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had it to do all over again

The children and I appreciate everything you have done for us and we send you our best wishes always. Ed admired and respected you greatly.

Sincerely yours,
Pat White

March 13, 1967

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 1, 1967

Mr. Watson:

Bill Stinson brought the attached certificates by the office -- he thought the President might like to sign them since they are going to:

Mrs. Roger B. ^x Chaffee
Mrs. Elizabeth Grissom
Mrs. Patricia E. ^x White

Diane

*To Military Aide: 2/3/67.
Certificate signed: 2/2/67.*

*Edward H. White, II
Virgil I. ^x Grissom*

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*The United States of America
honors the memory of*

ROGER B. CHAFFEE

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*

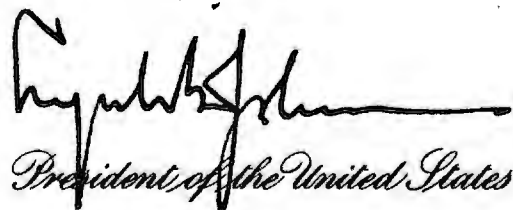
Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States



*The United States of America
honors the memory of*

VIRGIL I. GRISSOM

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*


President of the United States



*The United States of America
honors the memory of*

EDWARD H. WHITE II

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*

*By 
President of the United States*

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February 9, 1967

Dear Mrs. Young:

The President asked that I write and thank you for your kind letter of February first concerning Eddie^xWhite and explain to you that your suggestion will not be possible. For the next few months the President's calendar is quite heavily committed, and there does not seem to be a time when this might be arranged in the near future.

Just this week the President met with the national representatives of the Boy Scouts of America -- and he has a great interest in the activities of these young men. We all know what a fine achievement young Eddie's receipt of the God and Country Award is. We all also realize that there could be no one to present this Award with the meaning it would have had from Eddie's father.

It was very thoughtful of you to write as you did, and each of us sends best regards.

Sincerely,

W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Leonard^x Young
8-D Seafoam Avenue
Winfield Park, New Jersey
(c/o Linden, New Jersey)
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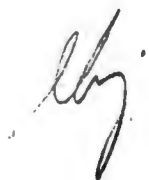
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Dear Mr. Brady:

It was kind of you to write.

So many millions of our countrymen and fellowmen of other nations have counted the Apollo tragedy as a personal loss. I want you to know that the sentiments of gratitude and compassion they share with you have been a comfort to the bereaved families, as they are an inspiration to me.

Sincerely,



Mr. Norman C. ^XBrady, Sr.
1826 White Oak Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21234

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LOWELL D. GRISSOM
755 CARLSBAD ROAD
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45240

February 6, 1967

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

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My Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your presence and thoughtfulness during our sorrow. My mother and dad were especially comforted by the inspiring words of your letter to them.

Our great personal loss is magnified by our nation's loss of three patriotic and dedicated astronauts. I know that Gus' wish would be for us to press onward toward the conquest of outer space and not let this tragic event serve as cause for discontinuing or slowing down the space program.

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Most respectfully yours,

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Virgil J. Grissom

Lowell D. Grissom

Lowell D. Grissom

(Brother of Gus Grissom)
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PURDUE UNIV.

naut Alums

by SANDI CANNON
Staff Reporter

Two buildings at Purdue will be renamed in honor of the late astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and Roger B. Chaffee, President Frederick L. Hoyde said Tuesday night.

The old civil engineering hall, now undergoing a \$1.7 million remodeling, will be known as Virgil I. Grissom Hall. The Jet-Propulsion Library - Office Building, opened and dedicated last April, will be named Roger B. Chaffee Hall.

Scholarships Given

Dr. Hoyde said, "In addition to the scholarships which we will provide for the children of these two famous sons of Purdue, I will recommend to the Board of Trustees that buildings be named in their memory."

Hoyde spoke before the Indiana General Assembly Ways and Means Committee. An earlier proposal came to name the new

library-office building at named Roger B. Chaffee, who died in the Apollo is graduate in aeronautics of University News

Marvin
A news item that may be of interest to you and the President



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March 3, 1967


Mr. Bromley Smith
The White House

Grissom, Virgil I.
White, Edward H.
Chaffee, Roger B.

As requested by the White House, I enclose a third generation print volume containing messages of condolence on the death of Astronauts Grissom, White and Chaffee.

In addition, for archival purposes, the President's reply to each message has been super-imposed to the left of each incoming message, or on the back of the preceding messages.

For your information, the books presented to the families of the Astronauts, were bound in White leather with gold embossed lettering. 101 printer quality copies of condolence messages were included in each book. Delivery of the three books was effected by an official from NASA, Houston, Texas.


Warren A. Henderson
S/S-S:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

February 3, 1967
2:15 p. m.

TO: *J* THE PRESIDENT
FROM: LIZ

You might want to consider naming a national committee to look into the best way to memorialize the astronauts.

A lot of suggestions -- some terrible, some good -- are coming in into NASA, and to the East Wing of the house because of the identification angle.

Jim Webb says he is trying his best to "stall off the ghouls" -- people like the Gannett Newspapers, and Senator Holland who want it as an added tourist attraction to Florida and want NASA endorsement.

In Houston, there are also plans for a memorial in the talk stage.

There have been suggestions that a proposed planetarium be used to memorialize the astronauts. Land is being held for a planetarium on the Potomac and Oscar Chapman is a member of the Committee.

Another proposal is a dramatic jet fountain on the tip of Hains Point.

Before the wrong and haphazard things are done, a committee should look into all plans, including the way public funds could be raised.

It may work out that something already underway in Washington could be designated for the material -- and the local people in Florida and Texas run their own memorials separately.

Anyway -- I believe Jim Webb would bear me out -- that it would be constructive to name a committee, perhaps composed of:

Dillon^x Ripley -- because of the space and technology aspects of the Smithsonian,

Oscar^x Chapman -- because of his association on the proposed planetarium,

Jerome^x Hardy -- publisher of LIFE -- because LIFE will undoubtedly

Mary Lasker

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February 3, 1967

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Dear Airman Biggins:

I was touched by the kindness and bravery of your letter.

Your concern for the victims of the Apollo tragedy is further evidence of the compassion that is joined side by side to the courage of America's fighting men.

In that combination we have the kernel of brotherhood, and the foundations for lasting peace.

I have told the families of our astronauts of your message and the hundreds that accompanied it to my desk from around the world. They will find comfort in this outpouring of pride and sympathy, I am sure.

You have their gratitude and mine. I am proud of all your qualities. May God reward the strength of your convictions and the goodness of your heart by assuring your safekeeping and success.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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Airman 2/C John B. Biggins
AF 17731349
307 Co. S GP, PACAF
APO, San Francisco 96307

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February 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Rigual:

The Apollo tragedy has touched the world's heart and moved all men closer in sympathy.

It may be that the heart will retain this closeness. Men may forge a bond in sadness that will endure through their search of the heavens to bring joy and peace to earth.

The three valiant young men we have lost would gladly have died for that. As it is, their purpose and memories are honored by the tribute of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Yours is an act of great kindness and it has given great encouragement. Please extend my gratitude and the appreciation of the American people to all who have brought us comfort and renewed strength.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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Mr. Nestor Rigual
Secretary
House of Representatives of the
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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February 2, 1967


Dear El:

I was encouraged by your report on the activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Council over the past year.

I know that you and your staff must share my sadness at the Apollo tragedy. But it is a comfort to know that we share equally in the determination to reach on into the heavens and find there the dream of man.

I look to your strong hands for guidance in that quest.

Sincerely,



Honorable E. C. Welsh
Executive Secretary
National Aeronautics and
Space Council
Washington, D. C.

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Mrs Roger B Chaffee,
Mrs Elizabeth Johnson,
& Mrs Patricia White

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from Pat White

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February 1, 1967

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Dear Dr. Davis:

Your friendship has been a blessing for this house,
and your comfort a constant encouragement.

In these tragic hours, as our nation mourns the loss
of three of its dedicated sons, we are especially grate-
ful for your prayers. Your thoughtfulness once more
sustains our strength.

Sincerely,

EBJ

The Reverend George R. Davis^X
The National City Christian Church
Thomas Circle
Washington, D. C. 20005

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cc: Juanita Roberts, Robert Kintner, Eliska Hasek, Bob Fleming, ^{and} Mary Hooper, CF. ₂₋₁₋₆₇

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Dear Archbishop Iakovos:

Throughout these years your friendship has brought courage and comfort to this house. And in these hours of national tragedy and grief your sympathy sustains us all. Your prayers bring strength to the families of the dauntless astronauts and dedicated Americans whose death we mourn.

May God reward your hopes and your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



The Most Reverend^x Iakovos
Archbishop of the^x Greek Orthodox
Archdiocese of North and
South America
Ten East 79th Street
New York, New York

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CC: Juanita Roberts, Robert Kintner, Eliska Hasek, Bob Fleming,
Mary Hooper, CF

January 31, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR

George Christian

Virgil L.

For your information, Presidential wreaths were forwarded to the grave sites of Lieutenant Colonel Grissom, Lieutenant Colonel *Edward H.* White, and Lieutenant Commander Chaffee by the White House Florist.

Roger B.

JAMES U. CROSS

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Mr. Watson

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January 31, 1967
3:30 p.m., Tuesday

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I think the way the President handled the funerals of the Astronauts was very appropriate and in good taste. There was, as perhaps you know, extensive television coverage.

At 9:00 a.m., NBC and ABC covered live the Grissom funeral at Arlington. At 3:00 p.m. NBC had a summary of Arlington and the West Point funeral ceremonies. CBS covered the funerals quite extensively at 1:00 p.m. Newscasts on television up to now have covered the funerals extensively.

I think the idea of the President going to the funerals at Arlington and the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to West Point was an excellent way of handling a difficult situation.

K
Robert E. Kintner

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January 31, 1967

Dear Mrs. Grissom:

I have been thinking of you, Scott and Mark throughout these painful days.

I have felt the need to reach out to you and say that none of you is alone while so many share your grief and hold you in their hearts.

It is little enough to say. Yet I think it would have meant a great deal to Gus. He was more than a brave man. He was a selfless man who suffered hazard gladly to open new vistas for mankind. He was a wise man who could say, with a sincerity we all recall, that exploration of space is worth the risk of life.

That was his faith, and it was his life. In giving his life he has made his faith more meaningful for all men, for all time.

It is faith in man; his works, his dreams, his search for destiny. It is a bond that joins the human family in hope, and unites it now in sympathy for you.

Mrs. Johnson and I are only two who mourn Virgil Grissom, and hold his family dear. We share our pride, our gratitude and our prayers with millions. Each of us offers you the comfort of that faith whose brightness will endure beside your husband's memory.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Virgil I. Grissom
211 Pine Shadow Drive
Seabrook, Texas

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January 31, 1967

Dear Mrs. White:

I wanted to say how much you have been in my heart through these sad and difficult days.

You should also know, for what comfort it might bring, that the heart of man is with you.

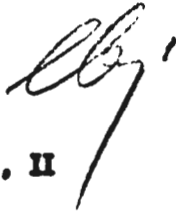
Every day has brought fresh evidence to my desk of how deeply and widely Ed is mourned. The letters, telegrams and cables have come from all the world.

They recall your husband's courage and commitment to a splendid cause. They remember the infectious joy of the first American to walk in space. They speak of a motivation that embraced no single program or nation, but the whole of a dream that is mankind's adventure. They tell of the ambassador astronaut -- a man who brought the sunshine of the heavens to his goodwill tours of earth.

Ed was prized by so many people, including his President. He has left us precious gifts in the new worlds he has unlocked. But his greatest bequest is his own worth as a man. That is a treasure the mind can hold beyond tragedy and time.

I pray that you will hold our pride and gratitude in your own heart, and find refuge in its warmth. May God bless all your days.

Sincerely,



★
Mrs. Edward H. White, II
911 Woodland Drive
El Lago
Seabrook, Texas

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January 31, 1967

Dear Mrs. Chaffee:

There is perhaps little anyone can do to lift the sadness of these days for you.

Yet men and women across the world have opened their hearts to try; with their sympathy, by their pride and gratitude, through their prayers.

Your husband is mourned by the human family, from its great leaders to its little children. He is honored as a brave voyager who undertook a mission of great hazard for all mankind. He is blessed for adding strength to our determination to pursue his search and achieve his dream.

The search of the heavens has already drawn men closer on earth. That course may yield our most profound discovery. The brightest of our dreams would come were men to explore God's realm and find His peace and love to share.

I know that Roger will have found God's blessing. He did God's work and it will live long after him in bringing light and hope to the human family.

Mrs. Johnson and I pray that you will find strength in that warm knowledge. You will always have the comfort of our affection and concern.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roger B. ^{*}Chaffee
18515 Barbuda Lane
Nassau Bay
Houston, Texas

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January 31, 1967

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee:

Roger B. Chaffee
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The nation's sadness and the world's compassion are a measure of the loss you have suffered.

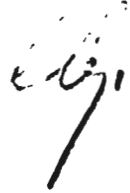
Yet they are no less a mark of the greatness of the cause to which your son was committed, and the size of his achievements in advancing it.

To expand our knowledge of the heavens is to seek a richer life on earth for our children, and generations of children to come. To succeed in that great enterprise we must have men of superior talents, supreme courage and surpassing dedication. Such men are rare, but Roger was among them. He will always be among us, warm in our hearts.

He has done more than stretch our hand into space. He has moved us closer to the fulfillment of an ancient dream, and in doing that he has moved all men closer together.

Mrs. Johnson and I mourn for you as we pray that God's blessing will dwell with you. May you find strength and comfort in the pride that America shares with you.

Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Chaffee
3710 Hazelwood, S.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grissom:

Men of your son's utter dedication to country and cause are rare. *Virgil I. Grissom*

The loss of such a man is humanity's loss.

On each of the happy occasions when I met with Gus, I was impressed by the strength of his spirit and his cool confidence in the success of our space program. He was a leader who shared his strength and faith with all who knew him.

By his courage, skill and dedication, he has guaranteed future generations a knowledge of the universe that will enrich their lives on earth.

Your sacrifice is beyond measure. But I hope you will take some comfort from the knowledge that your pride can be without limit.

Mrs. Johnson and I mourn with you as we pray for God's blessing. Millions share our debt to you for giving Gus to man, and inspiration to mankind.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Grissom
Virgil I. Grissom Avenue
Mitchell, Indiana

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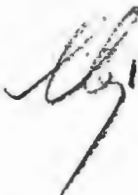
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Suggested Presidential Reply to the Messages of
Condolence for the Death of Astronauts Grissom,
White and Chaffee

The President has approved the text of the draft Presidential
message you recommended to be used in acknowledging messages
of condolence over the death of the Astronauts.

It is noted that all original messages as well as translations
(where appropriate) will be sent immediately to the White House.

W. W. Rostow

*Letters from Heads of State & Prime Ministers are
filed separately: EX
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January 30, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR GEORGE CHRISTIAN

FROM: Tom Johnson

Bob Fleming and I both feel that the President should attend one of the services for the astronauts on Tuesday. His attendance at one would show his concern for all and his very deep interest in the space program.

The funeral for ^xGrissom is scheduled at Arlington Cemetery at 9:00 a. m.

Virgil L.

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REP. OLIN E. TEAGUE, D-TEX., CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MANNED SPACE FLIGHT, SAID THE SETBACK WOULD BE COSTLY AND IF CONGRESS TRIED TO CUT THE SPACE PROGRAM IN ADDITION, "WE MIGHT AS WELL FORGET OUR SCHEDULE FOR GETTING TO THE MOON."

ALTHOUGH HE SAID THE SPACE BUDGET WAS A BARE BONES ONE, TEAGUE SAID THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY SCRIMPING ON SAFETY.

TEAGUE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF AN EVENTUAL ACCIDENT MANY TIMES WITH GRISSOM AND WHITE. HE SAID WHITE REPLIED ONCE BY COMPARING THE SPACE PROGRAM TO THE EARLY DAYS OF AVIATION, AND SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A SHAME TO HAVE STOPPED BUILDING AIRPLANES BECAUSE SOMEBODY GOT KILLED.

TEAGUE SAID WHILE CONGRESS WOULD CERTAINLY RECEIVE REPORTS FROM NASA, HE THOUGHT AN INVESTIGATION WOULD BE AN "INSULT" TO NASA EXPERTS AND TO THE ASTRONAUTS.

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January 28, 1967
11:25a. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**FROM: Bob Fleming**

Newsweek is planning its cover story on the Astronauts' accident, so Normal Milligan is asking about your receipt of the news and actions thereafter.

George agrees that a few facts would show how you keep in touch with important activities.

May we provide this information - if it is correct:

You were in the Mansion, that Secretary and Mrs. Connor and a few friends were there for supper, when the word came by telephone.

You advised the others of the accident, and then left the group to dictate telegrams to the families and your public statement.

You then received additional calls and talked with other officials throughout the evening as supplement information was received.

I do not suggest we go into details beyond these brief facts.

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Condolences to the President Re: the Death of the Astronauts
(Lt. Col. Virgil I. ^xGRISSOM, Lt. Col. Edward H. ^xWHITE, and
Lt. Cdr. Roger B. ^xCHAFFEE)

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

January 19, 1967
1:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: The President
FROM: The Vice President

The visits of our astronauts to foreign countries is proving immensely successful. It brings an abundance of good will and favorable publicity for the United States. This has been the case without exception wherever U.S. astronauts have traveled.

Recently Astronauts ^xGordon and ^xArmstrong took a tour of Latin American countries. ^{Richard} I have reviewed the report of that ^{Neil} tour and wish to share these observations:

(1) Countries Visited: Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Panama.

(2) Persons Met With: President or Acting President, Cabinet Members, Senators and Congressmen, Governors, Mayors, and Scientists.

(3) Reaction of Local Populace: The general population was usually spontaneous, friendly, and extremely warm. Much of this

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is attributed to Astronauts Armstrong's and Gordon's cordiality and willingness to extend themselves and meet with the people. In the official meetings, a great interest was noted in the space effort and in the advancement of science, technology, and education that has been brought about by space. Of particular interest are communications and weather satellites. Easier communications among countries and economical benefits as a result of our weather satellites excited the imaginations of the Latin American people. The Automatic Picture Transmission capability of our satellites was largely unknown to the people but was intriguing to all of them (the capability makes it possible for any country to get cloud pictures directly from the satellites as they pass over them; the only item needed is a simple and inexpensive receiving station).

(4) Press Coverage: The newspapers of each country visited devoted several pages to friendly stories and/or friendly editorials toward the U. S. space efforts during the visit.

(5) Contrast to Soviet Cosmonauts Tour: During the cosmonauts' tour, only the heroic efforts of the cosmonauts in space were hailed. During the American tour, it was looked upon as an official visit of a team of scientists as well as space heroes. The difference was attributed in part to the fact that the people were told that our

astronauts were official representatives sent by the President to share what we learned from space. Also, the astronauts had the ability to answer all questions, and the people realized that these astronauts were engineers and scientists as well as test pilots.

(6) Modus Operandi: At each country the following general procedures were followed: wreath laying, presentation of letter from and picture of the President to President of host country, presentation of flag flown on Gemini XI to President of host country, awards to astronauts by host country, lecture and space presentations by astronauts, press conference, and usual cocktail parties and banquets.

(7) Assessment by Mr. Low: U. S. accomplishments in space had a profound influence in U. S. relationships with South America. Astronauts Gordon and Armstrong and their wives were exceptional throughout the trip. They answered numerous questions, including some unusual ones, very successfully. As an example, Astronaut Gordon, a Catholic, was asked if he believed in birth control, since he was the father of six children. His answer, repeated on the front page of every newspaper the next day, was "whether or not he believes

in birth control was unimportant; but if the reporters will only look at Mrs. Gordon, he was sure that they would agree that control is impossible."

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December 14, 1966

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for sending the President a First Day Cover commemorating the conclusion of the Gemini series aboard the "USS Wasp." He appreciates having this symbolic issue for his collection.

The duplicate cover has been autographed, as you requested, and is being returned herewith.

With the President's best wishes in your present assignment,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

PCI Eugene S. ^{*}Nelson
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USS ^{*}Wasp CVS-18
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New York, New York 09501

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Enclosure (1st day cover, autographed by LBJ and the two astronauts, Lovell and Aldrin.)

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November 22, 1966

To: Jake Jacobsen
From: Marvin Watson

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Following is a program outline for the
x Gemini Ceremony tomorrow morning.
We will have NASA award papers on
the individuals and seating arrangement
on the courier in the morning.

Attachment
WMW:MJC:cc



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

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November 17, 1966

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MEMORANDUM to Bill Moyers
The White House

Just a thought.

We are going to have at Houston, Wednesday, November 23, the big Gemini wrap-up awards ceremony.

James A. Edwin L.

If it would serve your purposes, we could on Tuesday, fly Astronauts Lovell and Aldrin to the Ranch to get their awards pinned on by the President from bedside. We are also giving our highest honor to Dr. ~~Mueller~~ and Mr. Matthews, the men who ran the program.

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Chris W. x

Julian Scheer
Julian Scheer
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PR. 18-3.

November 16, 1966
7:25p

Mr. President:

As you know, I requested from Colonel Cross the information furnished for the press release concerning the promotion of Astronaut Major Edwin Aldrin, Jr.

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Attached is his report. Also attached is a copy of the press briefing which includes the so-called President's statement.

Marvin

Jake:

Find out who prepared the space memo and give me a written report on it (the one released yesterday without my knowledge.)

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Approved Nov. 15, 1966

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October 6, 1966

Dear Mr. President:

This letter will introduce astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Richard F. Gordon to you. They come to Brazil at my request as good will emissaries, bringing to you and to the Brazilian people my own warm greetings and the best wishes of my countrymen. Their achievements in exploring outer space belong not only to the United States but to the entire Hemisphere. We all can take pride in what they have accomplished.

I am particularly pleased that they will be in Brazil as you celebrate aviation week, commemorating your country's notable and continuing achievements in aviation, and, now, in space research as well. The Brazilian National Commission on Space Activities is making major contributions to the study of the world of space. We are proud of the splendid cooperation between the Commission and our National Aeronautics and Space Administration in meteorological research from the Natal rocket range, in the preparations for the study of the solar eclipse next November, and in other scientific activities.

I take the occasion of the visit of the two astronauts to 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. I know that Brazil shares these aims.

Through the presence of the astronauts the American people once more express the great esteem in which we hold Brazil and the importance we attach to the ties between our two countries.

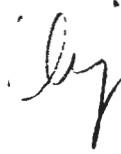
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With renewed expressions of friendship.

Sincerely,

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His Excellency
Humberto de Alencar Castello Branco
President of the Republic of the
United States of Brazil.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Okamoto

Astronaut Charles ⁺Conrad has requested five pictures taken during his visit with the President on September 14, 1965. As I understand it, most--if not all--of these pictures were family shots taken in the Rose Garden. Therefore, the release would not require Presidential approval. If this is true, would you please send one print of the following pictures to me for transmittal to Astronaut Conrad:

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- A - 1295-15
- A - 1298-9
- A - 1298-5
- A - 1295-19

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HUGH G. ROBINSON

Pastes forwarded for the President's consideration.

Yeiichi Okamoto
Photo Office

President's Action:

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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3:30 p.m., Saturday
September 17, 1966

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano *jc*

Attached are the nomination papers on Navy astronaut Richard F. Gordon, Jr. Under the special astronaut promotion policy, Gordon is entitled to a one grade promotion -- from Lieutenant Commander to Commander -- as a result of his successful Gemini 11 flight.

Gordon's fellow astronaut, Charles Conrad was previously promoted to Commander under the special astronaut policy. He does not qualify under that policy for a second promotion.

I recommend your approval of Gordon's nomination papers.

Attachments

To Senate 9/20/66

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August 30, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR HELEN COLLE:

I called John Steadman at Defense and told him we declined both.

James R. Jones

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re project Gemini Astronauts

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1966
5:15 p. m.

Mr. President:

The attached letter from Betty ^xWeinheimer asks assistance in securing the presence of an astronaut and his family for all or part of the ^xPeach Jamboree at Stonewall on June 24 and 25.

May I assist in attempting to secure the presence of one of our astronauts for the Peach Jamboree?

Yes _____
No _____

Jake Jacobsen

see me
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orig to Mrs Territo

Mrs. Thomas W. Weinheimer
Weinheimer Hereford Ranch
Stonewall, Texas 78671
June 13, 1966

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Dear Mr. Jacobsen:

Our little community is very busy these days with an influx of tourists, a bumper peach crop, and plans for the Peach Jamboree on June 24 and 25. Last week I read in a San Antonio paper that Uvalde had the honor of entertaining one of our Astronauts and his family at their Parade and Rodeo. As I am on the entertainment committee for the Jamboree and did not know who to contact in Houston, I called Earl Deathe and asked his advice. He was most gracious and cooperative and suggested that I write to you. The Jamboree is sponsored by the Stonewall Chamber of Commerce and the people of Stonewall would appreciate your help so very much in getting one or two of the Astronauts and their families as guests of the Jamboree. We would make every effort to entertain them and would be honored to have them lead the Parade on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., if their schedule would permit, or recognize them in the evening at the Texas Peach Queen Pageant. What a thrill it would be for us country folks to get to see an Astronaut!

We have invited Viet Nam Veterans from the Brooke Army Medical Center as honored guests, and they notified us that a bus full of boys plan to come.

Please disregard this request if it is unadvisable in any way. Many thanks for your kindness to all of us.

Sincerely,

Tom Weinheimer

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