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# **Biographical Appendix**

Spiro T. Agnew (1918-) was elected vice president of the United States in November 1968, serving under Richard M. Nixon. He served as chair of the 1969 Space Task Group that developed a long-range plan for a post-Apollo space effort. *The Post-Apollo Space Program: Directions for the Future* (Washington, DC: President's Science Advisory Council, September 1969) developed an expansive program that included building a space station, a space shuttle, a lunar base, and a mission to Mars (this last goal had been endorsed by Agnew at the time of the *Apollo 11* launch in July 1969). This plan was not accepted by Nixon, and only the Space Shuttle was approved for development. See Roger D. Launius, "NASA and the Decision to Build the Space Shuttle, 1969-72," *The Historian* 57 (Autumn 1994): 17-34.

Neil A. Armstrong (1930-) was the first American to set foot on the Moon, on July 20, 1969, as commander of *Apollo 11*. He had become an astronaut in 1962, after having served as a test pilot with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (1955-1958) and NASA (1958-1962). He also flew as command pilot on *Gemini VIII* in March 1966. In 1970 and 1971 he was deputy associate administrator for the Office of Advanced Research and Technology at NASA headquarters. In 1971 he left NASA to become a professor of acrospace engineering at the University of Cincinnati and to undertake private consulting. See Neil A. Armstrong, *et al.*, *First on the Moon: A Voyage with Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1970); Neil A. Armstrong, *et al.*, *The First Lunar Landing: 20th Anniversary/as Told by the Astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, Michael Collins* (Washington, DC: National Aeronautics and Space Administration EP-73, 1989).

Henry H. (Hap) Arnold (1886-1950) was commander of the Army Air Forces in World War II and was the only air commander ever to attain the five-star rank of general of the armies. He was especially interested in the development of sophisticated aerospace technology to give the United States an edge in the achievement of air superiority, and he fostered the development of such innovations as jet aircraft, rocketry, rocket-assisted take-off, and supersonic flight. After a lengthy career as an Army aviator and commander that spanned the two world wars, he retired from active service in 1945. See Henry H. Arnold, *Global Mission* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1949); Flint O. DuPre, *Hap Arnold: Architect of American Air Power* (New York: Macmillan, 1972); Thomas M. Coffey, *Hap: The Story of the U.S. Air Force and the Man Who Built It* (New York: Viking, 1982).

Isaac Asimov (1920-1992) was born in Petrovichi, Russia, and came to the United States in 1923. He became a member of the faculty, in biochemistry, at Boston University but gained his greatest fame as a writer of extremely sophisticated science fiction. He is best known for the Foundation trilogy (1951-1953), as well as *I*, *Robot* (1950) and *Fantastic Voyage* (1966). In all, Asimov published more than 200 books during his life, many of them fiction but also some nonfiction. See "Isaac Asimov," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection, NASA Head-quarters, Washington, D.C.

Norman R. Augustine (1935-) was born in Denver, Colorado, and has long been a key person in the aerospace industry. He became chairman and CEO of the Martin Marietta Corporation in the 1980s. Previously, he had served as the Under Secretary of the Army, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development, and as an Assistant Director of Defense Research and Engineering in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1990 he was appointed to head the Advisory Committee on the Future of the U.S. Space Program for the Bush administration. This panel produced the *Report of the Advisory Committee on the Future of the U.S. Space Program* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, December 1990). The study was enormously important in charting the course of the space program in the first half of the 1990s. See Norman R. Augustine, *Augustine's Laws* (Washington, DC: American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1984); "Norman R. Augustine," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

# B

James E. Beggs (1926-) served as NASA Administrator from July 10, 1981, to December 4, 1985, when he took an indefinite leave of absence pending disposition of an indictment from the Justice Department for activities taking place prior to his tenure at NASA. This indictment was later dismissed, and the U.S. Attorney General apologized to Beggs for any embarrassment. His resignation from NASA was effective on February 25, 1986. Prior to NASA, Beggs had been executive vice president and a director of General Dynamics Corp. in St. Louis, Missouri. Previously, he had served with NASA in 1968-1969 as associate administrator for the Office of Advanced Research and Technology. From 1969 to 1973 he was under secretary at the Department of Transportation. He went to Summa Corp., Los Angeles, California, as managing director of operations and joined General Dynamics in January 1974. Before joining NASA, he also had been with Westinghouse Electric Corp., in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and in Baltimore, Maryland, for thirteen years. A 1947 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he served with the Navy until 1954. In 1955 he received a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

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**David E. Bell** (1919-) was budget director for President Kennedy from 1961 to 1962. A Harvard Universitytrained economist, Bell had previously been a member of the staff of the Bureau of the Budget and special assistant to the president during the Truman administration before returning to the Harvard faculty during the late 1950s. Between 1962 and 1966 he served as head of the Agency for International Development, and then he was vice president of the Ford Foundation. While budget director, Bell was responsible for working with NASA in establishing a realistic financial outlook for Project Apollo.

Spencer M. Beresford (1918-1992) was a general counsel for NASA between 1963 and 1973. A Washington lawyer, he served as a naval officer in World War II and the Korean War, but in 1954 he became general counsel for the Foreign Operations Administration. In 1957 he joined the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, and in 1958 and 1959, he was special counsel to the House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration. He performed a similar duty for the House Committee on Science and Technology, 1959-1962. After completing his assignment at NASA in 1973, Beresford became general counsel for the Office of Technology Assessment. See "Spencer M. Beresford," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

**Chesley Bonestell** (1888-1986) was a world-famous artist who was known as the creator of significant spaceoriented artwork. From 1944 on, he mostly worked in space art and illustrated numerous books such as Willy Ley's *The Conquest of Space* and articles such as Wernher von Braun's articles for the *Collier's* magazine series on spaceflight in the 1950s. He also illustrated space sets for science fiction films such as *Destination Moon* (1950). See "Chesley Bonestell," *Ad Astra*, July/August 1991, p. 9.

Karel J. Bossart (1904-1975) was a pre-World War II immigrant from Belgium, who was involved early on in the development of rocket technology with the Convair Corporation. In the 1950s he was largely responsible for designing the Atlas ICBM booster with a very thin, internally pressurized fuselage instead of massive struts and a thick metal skin. See Richard E. Martin, *The Atlas and Centaur "Steel Balloon" Tanks: A Legacy of Karel Bossart* (San Diego: General Dynamics Corp., 1989); Robert L. Perry, "The Atlas, Thor, Titan, and Minuteman," in Eugene M. Emme, ed., *A History of Rocket Technology* (Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Press, 1964), pp. 143-55; John L. Sloop, *Liquid Hydrogen as a Propulsion Fuel, 1945-1959* (Washington, DC: NASA SP-4404, 1978), pp. 173-77.

Lewis M. Branscomb (1926-) is a Harvard University-trained physicist who served in a variety of university and public service posts before becoming the chief scientist of the IBM Corporation (American Men and Women of Science, 1989-1990 [New York: R.R. Bowker, 1990], p. 692).

Wernher von Braun (1912-1977) was the leader of what has been called the "rocket team," which had developed the German V-2 ballistic missile in World War II. At the conclusion of the war, von Braun and some of his chief assistants—as part of a military operation called Project Paperclip—came to America and were installed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, to work on rocket development and use the V-2 for high altitude research. They used launch facilities at the nearby White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico. Later, in 1950 von Braun's team moved to the Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, Alabama, to concentrate on developing a new missile for the Army. They built the Army's Jupiter ballistic missile, and before that the Redstone, used by NASA to launch the first Mercury capsules. The story of von Braun and the "rocket team" has been told many times. See, as examples, David H. DeVorkin, *Science With a Vengeance: How the Military Create the US Space Sciences After World War II* (New York: Springer-Verlag, 1992); Frederick I. Ordway III and Mitchell R. Sharpe, *The Rocket Team* (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell, 1979); Erik Bergaust, *Wernher von Braun* (Washington, DC: National Space Institute, 1976).

Styles Bridges (1898-1961) (R-NH) served as governor of New Hampshire, 1935-1937, and was elected to the Senate in 1936. During the early years of NASA, he was the ranking Republican member of the Appropriations Committee, a member of the Armed Services Committee and its preparedness investigating subcommittee, as well as the Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee. He was the leader of his party's conservative wing and a strong proponent of military preparedness. Bryce Harlow told Eisenhower in 1958 that Bridges was "a walking 25 votes in the Senate, the most skilled maneuverer on the Republican side" (quoted in Robert A. Divine, *The Sputnik Challenge: Eisenhower's Response to the Soviet Satellite* [New York: Oxford University Press, 1993], p. 140).

Bernard Brodie (1910-1977) was a well-known political scientist who specialized in studies of Cold War strategy, especially nuclear policy. With a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, he was a member of Project Rand, later the Rand Corporation, and prepared numerous studies and books for public policy purposes.

Detlev W. Bronk (1897-1975) was president of the National Academy of Sciences, 1950-1962, and a member of the National Aeronautics and Space Council. A scientist, he was president of The Johns Hopkins University, 1949-1953, and Rockefeller University, 1953-1968.

**Percival Brundage** (1892-1981) was the first deputy director and then director of the Bureau of the Budget, 1954-1958. Thereafter, he went on to a series of business and financial positions.

Nikolai A. Bulganin was chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers, and he was heavily involved in the negotiations over the freedom of space issue in terms of flying over territories.

George H.W. Bush (1924 ) served as president of the United States between 1989 and 1993. Before that, he had been a diplomat, director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and vice president under Ronald Reagan (1981-1989).

Vannevar Bush (1890-1974) was one of the most powerful members of the scientific and technological elite to emerge during World War II. An aeronautical engineer on the faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bush lobbied to create and then headed the National Defense Research Committee in 1940 to oversee science and technology in the federal government. Later, its name was changed to the Office of Science Research and Development, and Bush used it as a means to build a powerful infrastructure for scientific research in support of the federal government. Although he went to the Carnegie Institution after the war, Bush remained a powerful force in shaping post-war science and technology by serving on numerous federal advisory committees and preparing several influential reports. See David Petechuk, "Vannevar Bush," in Emily J. McMurray, et al., eds., Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists (New York: Gale Research Inc., 1995), pp. 285-88.

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Howard W. Cannon (1912-) (D-NV) was first elected to the Senate in 1958 and served until 1983.

Jimmy Carter (1924 ) was president of the United States between 1977 and 1981. Previously, he had been a naval officer and businessman before entering politics. He entered politics in the Georgia State Legislature (1962-1966) and later served as the governor of Georgia (1971-1975).

**Benjamin Chidlaw** (1900-) was a career U.S. Air Force officer. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1924 as a pilot and progressed through a series of ranks until he became chief of the Materiel Division at General Headquarters, Army Air Forces, in 1942. He was deputy commander of the Army Air Forces for the Mediterranean Theater, 1944-1945, and deputy at the Air Material Command, 1945-1949. He served as commander of several research and development organizations for the Air Force and retired as a four-star general in 1955.

William Clark was Ronald Reagan's assistant for National Security Affairs and chair of the Senior Interagency Group (Space) that worked on the decision to develop the Space Station.

Arthur C. Clarke (1917-), one of the most well-known science fiction authors, has also been an eloquent writer on behalf of the exploration of space. In 1945, before the invention of the transistor, Clarke wrote an article in *Extraterrestrial Relays* describing the possibility of geosynchronous orbit and the development of communication relays by satellite. He also wrote several novels, and the most well-known was 2001: A Space Odyssey, based on a screenplay of the same name that he prepared for Stanley Kubrick. The movie is still one of the most realistic depictions of the rigors of spaceflight ever to be filmed.

Francis H. Clauser (1913-) was a leading research aerodynamicist in academia and the aerospace industry until the 1970s. He worked with the Douglas Aircraft Co., 1937-1946, and served as chair of aerospace studies at The Johns Hopkins University, 1946-1960. He then served in a variety of academic appointments; from 1969 until retirement in 1980, he was the Clark B. Millikin Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the California Institute of Technology.

Ansley Johnson Coale (1917-) received a Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1947 and worked in several capacities with the federal government in social science and population statistics. He became a professor of economics at Princeton in 1947 and also directed the Office of Population Research between 1959 and 1973. He was especially involved in research associated with population loss from a nuclear holocaust.

William Congreve (1772-1828) of Great Britain was an artillery officer and inventor, who was best known for his work on black powder rockets that could be used for bombardment of enemy fortifications. He based his rocketry on the pioneering work of Indian prince Hyder Ali, who had successfully used them against the British in 1792 and 1799 at Seringapatam. Congreve's rockets were used in the Napoleonic Wars and in the War of 1812 (Frank H. Winter, *The First Golden Age of Rocketry: Congreve and Hale Rockets of the Nineteenth Century* [Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1990]).

**Donald Clarence Cook** (1909-1981) was a government official, lawyer, and businessman who held numerous posts from 1935 to 1945 in the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as well as staff positions in other agencies and in Congress before being appointed SEC member in 1949. In 1952 he became chair of the SEC. He joined the American Electric Power Company in 1953, and he served as its president between 1962 and 1972 and as its chair from 1971 to 1976 ("Cook, Donald C[larence]," *Current Biography 1982*, p. 462).

Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) of Poland symbolized the spirit of scientific inquiry that came to dominate the Renaissance. The son of a prosperous merchant, when his father died Copernicus was raised by his uncle, Lucas Watzelrode, the Bishop of Ermland. He was educated at the University of Cracow, where he excelled at mathematics, and at the University of Bologna in Italy, where he began to study astronomy. Copernicus developed complex models of movement for the Earth and other planets around the Sun. His "Heliocentric Solar System" concept gained acceptance slowly, but a century after his death was accepted as the norm for the scientific community (Edward Rosen, "Nicolaus Copernicus," *Dictionary of Scientific Biography* [New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1971], 3: 401-402).

John J. Corson (1905-1990) was a management consultant with McKinsey & Co. since 1951, remaining there until 1966. T. Keith Glennan contracted with McKinsey & Co. for a series of studies. These included: "Organizing Headquarters Functions," two volumes, December 1958; "Financial Management—NASA-JPL Relationships," February 1959; "Security and Safety—NASA-JPL Relationships," February 1959; "Facilities Construction—NASA-JPL Relationships," February 1959; "Procurement and Subcontracting—NASA-JPL Relationships," February 1959; "NASA-JPL Relationships and the Role of the Western Coordination Office," March 1959; "Providing Supporting Services for the Development Operations Division," January 1960, on the transfer of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency to NASA; "Report of the Advisory Committee on Organization," October 1960; and "An Evaluation of NASA's Contracting Politics, Organization, and Performance," October 1960. All are in "T. Keith Glennan," correspondence files, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

Alan Cranston (1914 ) (D-CA) served in the U.S. Senate from 1969 to 1991.

**Robert Cutler** (1895-1974) was a lawyer and banking executive. He practiced law in Boston from 1922 to 1942 and then became president and director of the Old Colony Trust Co., 1946-1953, and its chairman for the next several years. He served as special assistant for security affairs for President Eisenhower, 1953-1960. From 1960 to 1962 he served as executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Cyrano de Bergerac, Savinien (1619-1655) was a French writer whose works combined political satire and fantasy. As a young man, he joined the company of guards, but he was wounded at the siege of Arras in 1640 and retired from military life. He then studied under philosopher and mathematician Pierre Gassendi, whose influence was significant. His two best known written works were his two novels of spaceflight to the Moon. He has become famous in the twentieth century largely through the 1897 novel by Edmond Rostand, who described him as a gallant and brilliant, but ugly man with the large nose ("Cyrano de Bergerac, Savinien," *The New Encyclopedia Britannica* [Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., 1987 ed.], 3: 829).

## D

Edward E. David, Jr. (1925-), served as science advisor to President Richard M. Nixon in 1970 and then as director of the Office of Science and Technology. Previously, he had served as executive director of research of Bell Telephone Laboratories, 1950-1970. For a discussion of the President's Science Advisory Committee, see Gregg Herken, Cardinal Choices: Science Advice to the President from Hiroshima to SDI (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).

Merton E. Davies (1917-) was educated at Stanford University and worked at the Douglas Aircraft Co., 1940-1948, and at the Rand Corporation since 1948. He served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the Surprise Attack Conference in Geneva in 1958 and on the imaging teams of *Mariner 6* and 7 in 1969, *Mariner 9* in 1971, and *Voyager* in 1977.

Kurt H. Debus (1908-1983) earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering (1933) and an M.S. (1935) and Ph.D. (1939) in electrical engineering, all from the Technical University of Darmstadt in Germany. He became an assistant professor at the university after receiving his degree. During the course of World War II, he became an experimental engineer at the A-4 (V-2) test stand at Peenemunde (see entry for Wernher von Braun), rising to become superintendent of the test stand and test firing stand for the rocket. In 1945, he came to the United States with a group of engineers and scientists headed by von Braun. From 1945 to 1950 the group worked at Fort Bliss, Texas, and then moved to the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. From 1952 to 1960 Debus was chief of the missile firing laboratory of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. In this position, he was located at Cape Canaveral, Florida,

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where he supervised the launching of the first ballistic missile fired from there, an Army Redstone. When the Army Ballistic Missile Agency became part of NASA, Debus continued to supervise missile and space vehicle launchings, first as director of the Launch Operations Center and then of the Kennedy Space Center (as it was renamed in December 1963). He retired from that position in 1974 ("Kurt H. Debus," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Thomas Digges was an astronomer and mathematician who modified Dante's medieval conceptions of the universe in his Description of the Caelestiall Orbes (1576), adopting a Copernican view that placed the Sun in the center of the universe.

Everett Dirksen (1896-1969) (R-IL) served in the U.S. Senate from 1951 to 1969 and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1933 to 1949. He served as the Republican leader in the Senate from 1959 until 1969 (*Current Biography 1969*, p. 465).

Walt Disney (1901-1966) was the creator of Mickey Mouse and several other animated characters. In 1955 his weekly television series aired the first of three programs related to spaceflight. The first of these, "Man in Space," premiered on March 9, 1955, with an estimated audience of 42 million. The second show, "Man and the Moon," also aired in 1955 and sported the powerful image of a wheel-like space station as a launching point for a mission to the Moon. The final show, "Mars and Beyond," premiered on December 4, 1957, after the launching of Sputnik I (obituary in *New York Times*, December 16, 1966, p. 1).

Allen Frances Donovan (1914-) was an accomplished aeronautical engineer who worked for several aeronautical firms between 1936 and 1946. He then headed the aeronautical mechanics department at Cornell University from 1946 to 1955. He later became a corporate executive with the Aerospace Corporation, serving as senior vice president, technical, 1960-1978. He also served on several government advisory boards, including the President's Science Advisory Committee, 1959-1968.

James H. Doolittle (1896-1993) was a longtime aviation promoter, air racer, Air Force officer, and aerospace research and development advocate. He had served with the U.S. Army Air Corps between 1917 and 1930, and then he was manager of the aviation section for Shell Oil Co. between 1930 and 1940. In World War II Doolittle won early fame for leading the April 1942 bombing of Tokyo, and then he was commander of a succession of air units in Africa, the Pacific, and Europe. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general in 1944. After the war he was a member of the Air Force's Scientific Advisory Board and the President's Scientific Advisory Committee. At the time of Sputnik, he was chair of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. In 1985, the Senate approved his promotion in retirement to four-star general (General James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle with Carroll V. Glines, *I Could Never Be So Lucky Again: An Autobiography* [New York: Bantam Books, 1991]; Carroll V. Glines, *Jimmy Doolittle: Daredevil Aviator and Scientist* [New York: Macmillan, 1972]; "James H. Doolittle," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Walter Dornberger (1895-1980) was Wernher von Braun's military superior during the German rocket development program of World War II. He oversaw the effort at Peenemünde to build the V-2, fostering internal communication and successfully advocating the program to officials in the German army. He also assembled the team of highly talented engineers under von Braun's direction and provided the funding and staff organization necessary to complete the technology project. After World War II Dornberger came to the United States and assisted the Department of Defense with the development of ballistic missiles. He also worked for the Bell Aircraft Co. for several years, helping to develop hardware for Project BOMI, a rocket-powered spaceplane. See Walter R. Dornberger, V-2, trans. by James Cleugh and Geoffrey Halliday (New York: Viking, 1958); Gerald L. Borrowman, "Walter R. Dornberger," Spacefüght 23 (April 1981): 118-19.

**Russell C. Drew** (1931-) has been an influential physicist who served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 through 1973, and he spent much of his career working on nuclear submarine ballistic missile programs. He also served as assistant to the President's Science Advisor, 1966-1972, and director of the staff of the President's Space Task Group. His last assignment, as a naval captain, was as the head of the Office of Naval Research (London). Thereafter, he served as the director of the Science and Technology Policy Office of the National Science Foundation, 1973-1976, and in several capacities in the aerospace industry since 1976.

Hugh L. Dryden (1898-1965) was a career civil servant and an aerodynamicist by discipline who had also begun life as something of a child prodigy. He graduated at age 14 from high school and went on to earn an A.B. in three years from The Johns Hopkins (1916). Three years later (1919) he earned his Ph.D. in physics and mathematics from the same institution, even though he had been a full-time employee of the National Bureau of Standards since June 1918. His career at the Bureau of Standards, which lasted until 1947, was devoted to studying airflow, turbulence, and particularly the problems of the boundary layer—the thin layer of air next to an airfoil that causes drag. In 1920 he became chief of the aerodynamics section in the bureau. His work in the 1920s on measuring turbulence in wind tunnels facilitated research in NACA that produced the laminar flow wings used in the P-51 Mustang and other World War II aircraft. From the mid-1920s to 1947, his publications became essential reading for aerodynamicists around the world. During World War II his work on a glide bomb named the Bat won him a Presidential Certificate of Merit. He capped his career at the Bureau of Standards by becoming its assistant director and then associate director during his final two years there. He then served as director of NACA from 1947-1958, after which he became deputy administrator of NASA under T. Keith Glennan and James E. Webb (Richard K. Smith, *The Hugh L. Dryden Papers*, 1898-1965 [Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Library, 1974]).

Lee A. DuBridge (1901-), a physicist with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin (1926), became director of the radiation laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after an academic career capped to that point by a deanship at the University of Rochester, 1938-1941. He was president of the California Institute of Technology between 1946 and 1969, when he resigned to serve as science advisor to President Richard M. Nixon. He had been involved in several governmental science advisory organizations before taking up his formal White House duties in 1969 and serving in that capacity until 1970 ("Lee A. DuBridge," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Allen W. Dulles (1893-1969), younger brother of President Eisenhower's more famous secretary of state, served as director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from 1953 to 1961.

John Foster Dulles (1888-1959) served as secretary of state under President Eisenhower, 1953-1959.

John R. Dunning (1892-1975) was a physicist who conducted the early experiments in nuclear fission that helped lay the groundwork for developing the atomic bomb. He later became the dean of the School of Engineering at Columbia University (obituary in *New York Times*, August 28, 1975, p. 36).

Frederick C. Durant III (1916-) was heavily involved in rocketry in the United States between the end of World War II and the mid-1960s. He worked for several different aerospace organizations, including Bell Aircraft Corp., Everett Research Laboratory, the Naval Air Rocket Test Station, and the Maynard Ordnance Test Station. He later became the director of astronautics for the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution. In addition, he was an officer in several spaceflight organizations, such as president of the American Rocket Society (1953), president of the International Astronautical Federation (1953-1956), and governor of the National Space Club (1961).

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Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969) was president of the United States between 1953 and 1961. Previously, he had been a career U.S. Army officer and was Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during World War II. As president, he was deeply interested in the use of space technology for national security purposes and directed that ballistic missiles and reconnaissance satellites be developed on a crash basis. On Eisenhower's space efforts, see Rip Bulkeley, *The Sputniks Crisis and Early United States Space Policy* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991); R. Cargill Hall, "The Eisenhower Administration and the Cold War: Framing American Astronautics to Serve National Security," *Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives* 27 (Spring 1995): 59-72; Robert A. Divine, *The Sputnik Challenge: Eisenhower's Response to the Soviet Satellite* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993).

John D. Erlichman was a senior assistant to the president during the Nixon administration. See John Erlichman, Witness to Power: The Nixon Years (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1982).

## F

Philip J. Farley (1916-) earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1941 and was on the faculty at Corpus Christi Junior College from 1941 to 1942 before entering government work—for the Atomic Energy Commission, 1947-1954, and for the State Department, 1954-1969. From 1957 to 1961 he was a special assistant to the secretary of state for disarmament and atomic energy, and from 1961 to 1962 his responsibilities shifted to atomic energy and outer space. After several years of assignment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), he returned to Washington and became deputy secretary of state for political-military affairs, 1967-1969. Then from 1969 to 1973 he became deputy director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

William Finan was a staff member with the Bureau of the Budget during the Eisenhower administration. He was a member of the Purcell Panel that assessed spaceflight capabilities for the U.S. government in 1957 and 1958.

Daniel J. Fink was chair of the NASA Advisory Council's Task Force that produced the 1983 "Study of the Mission of NASA."

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James Brown Fisk (1910-1981) received his Ph.D. in physical science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1935 and served in a variety of educational and industry positions. Most importantly, he was heavily involved in work at Bell Telephone Labs, serving as president from 1959 (obituary in *New York Times*, August 13, 1981, p. D21).

Peter M. Flanigan (1923-) was an assistant to the president on the White House staff, 1969-1974. Previously, he had been involved in investment banking with Dillon, Read, and Co. He returned to business when he left government service. His position in the White House from 1969 to 1972 involved him in efforts to gain approval to build the Space Shuttle.

Alexander H. Flax (1921-) was an aeronautical engineer, with a Ph.D. in physics, who worked in several important positions in universities and industry. He worked for Curtiss-Wright, 1940-1944; the Piasecki Helicopter Corporation, 1944-1946; and Cornell University, 1946-55. He served in scientific positions with the U.S. Air Force, 1955-1969, and as assistant secretary of the Air Force for research and development, 1968-1969. Thereafter, he became vice president for research for the Institute for Defense Analysis.

James C. Fletcher (1919-1991) was born on June 5, 1919, in Millburn, New Jersey. He received an undergraduate degree in physics from Columbia University and a doctorate in physics from the California Institute of Technology. After holding research and teaching positions at Harvard and Princeton Universities, he joined Hughes Aircraft in 1948 and later worked for the Guided Missile Division of the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation. In 1958 Fletcher co-founded the Space Electronics Corporation in Glendale, California, which after a merger became the Space General Corporation. He was later named systems vice president of the Aerojet General Corporation in Sacramento, California. In 1964 he became president of the University of Utah, a position he held until he was named NASA administrator in 1971. He served until 1977. He served as NASA administrator a second time, for nearly three years following the loss of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* in 1986 until 1989. During his first administration at NASA, Dr. Fletcher was responsible for beginning the Shuttle effort. During his second tenure he presided over the effort to recover from the *Challenger* accident. See "Fletcher, James C., Administrator's Files," NASA Historical Reference Collection.

**Gerald R. Ford** (1913-) (R-MI) was elected to the House of Representatives in 1948 and served there until he became vice president in 1973 following the resignation of Spiro T. Agnew. He then served as president, 1974-1977, following Richard M. Nixon's resignation in the wake of the Watergate break-in.

William C. Foster, later the head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, was President Eisenhower's representative to the U.S./U.S.S.R. summit at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1955. One of his responsibilities was to obtain freedom of space for overflight by spacecraft.

Robert A. Frosch (1928- ) was NASA administrator throughout the administration of President Jimmy Carter, 1977-1981. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in theoretical physics at Columbia University, and between September 1951 and August 1963 he worked as a research scientist and director of research programs for Hudson Laboratories of Columbia University. Until 1953 he worked on problems in underwater sound, sonar, oceanography, marine geology, and marine geophysics. Thereafter, Frosch was first associate and then director of the laboratories. In September 1963 Dr. Frosch came to Washington to work with the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), Department of Defense, serving as director for nuclear test detection (Project VELA) and then as deputy director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency. In July 1966 he became assistant secretary for research and development for the Navy, responsible for all Navy programs of research, development, engineering, test, and evaluation. From January 1973 to July 1975 he served as assistant executive director of the United Nations Environmental Program. While at NASA Frosch was responsible for overseeing the continuation of the development effort on the Space Shuttle. During his tenure, the project underwent testing of the first orbiter, Enterprise, at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Facility in southern California. The orbiter made its first free flight in the atmosphere on August 12, 1977. He left NASA with the change of administrations in January 1981 to become vice president for research at the General Motors Research Laboratories. See "Frosch, Robert A., Administrator's Files," NASA Historical Reference Collection.

**Eugene G. Fubini** (1913-) was a noted physicist. A native of Italy, he came to the United States in 1938 to work for CBS and was responsible for microwave and international broadcasting. He worked for the U.S. military in World War II and then in a succession of technical and scientific positions with the Department of Defense in the postwar era. Since 1969 he has served as a consultant with Texas Instruments and IBM.

**Craig Fuller** was President Ronald Reagan's Cabinet secretary in the early 1980s and arranged for NASA's space station proposal to be discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet Council for Commerce and Trade.

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Yuri Gagarin (1934-1968) was the Soviet cosmonaut who became the first human in space with a one-orbit mission aboard the spacecraft Vostok 1 on April 12, 1961. The great success of that feat made the gregarious Gagarin a global hero, and he was an effective spokesman for the Soviet Union until his death in an unfortunate aircraft accident.

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) used the newly invented telescope to view the bodies of the universe and to develop to its most advanced state in the pre-nineteenth century the "Heliocentric System" of the Solar System. Galileo made four important observations that convinced him that Copernican cosmology was correct, as described by writers Lloyd Motz and Jefferson Hane Weaver: "(1) the moon's surface is cratered and highly irregular, thus negating the theory that celestial bodies are 'perfect'; (2) the phases of Venus and those of the moon are similar, proving that Venus revolves around the sun and not around the earth; (3) four moons (satellites) revolve around Jupiter, illustrating in miniature the Copernican model of the solar system; and (4) the Milky Way consists of numerous points of light, which Galileo correctly interpreted as very distant stars" (p. 42). Galileo ran afoul of ecclesiastical authorities because of his observations, but they quickly became the standard explanation for understanding the workings of the universe (Lloyd Motz and Jefferson Hane Weaver, *The Story of Physics* [New York: Avon Books, 1992]).

Dave Garroway (1913-1982) was a television and radio personality who hosted the "Today Show" for NBC between 1952 and 1961 (obituary in *New York Times*, July 22, 1982, p. D22).

**S. Everett Gleason** (1905-) was a longtime government official in the Department of State and for a time its official historian.

T. Keith Glennan (1905-1995) was the first NASA administrator. Born in 1905 in Enderlin, North Dakota, Glennan was educated at Yale University, and he then worked in the sound motion picture industry with the Electrical Research Products Company. He was also studio manager of Paramount Pictures, Inc., and Samuel Goldwyn Studios in the 1930s. Glennan joined Columbia University's Division of War Research in 1942, serving through the war, first as administrator and then as director of the U.S. Navy's Underwater Sound Laboratories at New London, Connecticut. In 1947 he became president of the Case Institute of Technology. During his administration, Case rose from a primarily local institution to rank with the top engineering schools in the nation. From October 1950 to November 1952 he served as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission. He also served as administrator of NASA while on leave from Case, between August 7, 1958, and January 20, 1961. Upon leaving NASA Glennan returned to the Case Institute of Technology, where he continued to serve as president until 1966. See J.D. Hunley, ed., *The Birth of NASA: The Diary of T. Keith Glennan* (Washington, DC: NASA SP-4105, 1993).

Robert H. Goddard (1882-1945) was one of the three most prominent pioneers of rocketry and spaceflight theory. He earned his Ph.D. in physics at Clark University in 1911 and went on to become head of the Clark physics department and director of its physical laboratories. He began to work seriously on rocket development in 1909 and is credited with launching the world's first liquid-propellant rocket in 1926. He continued his rocket development work with the assistance of a few technical assistants throughout the remainder of his life. Although he developed and patented many of the technologies later used on large rockets and missiles—including film cooling, gyroscopically controlled vanes, and a variable-thrust rocket motor—only the last of these contributed directly to the furtherance of rocketry in the United States. Goddard kept most of the technical details of his inventions a secret and thus missed the chance to have the kind of influence his real abilities promised. At the same time, he was not good at integrating his inventions into a workable system, so his own rockets failed to reach the high altitudes he sought. See Milton Lehman, *Robert H. Goddard: A Pioneer of Space Research* (New York: Da Capo, 1988); J.D. Hunley, "The Enigma of Robert H. Goddard," *Technology and Culture* 36 (April 1995—forthcoming).

Harry J. Goett (1910-) earned a degree in physics from Holy Cross College in 1931 and one in aeronautical engineering from New York University in 1933. After holding a number of engineering posts with private firms, he became a project engineer at Langley Aeronautical Laboratory in 1936. He later moved to Ames Aeronautical Laboratory, where he was chief of the full-scale and flight research division, 1948-1959. During the the last year at Ames he became director of the Goddard Space Flight Center, a post he held until July 1965, when he became a special assistant to NASA Administrator James E. Webb. Later that year he became director for plans and programs at Philco's Western Development Laboratories in California and ultimately retired from a position with Ford Aerospace and Communications ("Harry J. Goett," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

**Barry M. Goldwater** (1909-) (R-AZ) was a U.S. senator from 1953 to 1965. In 1964 he ran unsuccessfully for president of the United States against Lyndon Johnson. He was an outspoken conservative and became the leader and later elder statesman for the right wing of the Republican party.

Andrew Jackson Goodpaster (1915-) was a career Army officer who served as defense liaison officer and secretary of the White House staff from 1954 to 1961, being promoted to brigadier general during that period. He later was deputy commander, U.S. forces in Vietnam, 1968-1969, and commander-in-chief, U.S. Forces in Europe, 1969-1974. He retired in 1974 as a four-star general but returned to active duty in 1977 and served as superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, a post he held until his second retirement in 1981.

William R. Graham (1937-), with a Ph.D. in physics from the California Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University, was a founder and executive of R&D Associates, Marina Del Rey, California, and became deputy administrator of NASA on November 25, 1985. In 1980 Graham served as an advisor to candidate Ronald Reagan and was a member of the president-elect's transition team. Graham had also served for three years prior to coming to NASA as chair of the General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament. Graham left NASA in October 1986 to become director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, a position he held until June 1989 when he left government service to join Jaycor, a high-technology company headquartered in San Diego, California. See "Graham, William R., Deputy Administrator Folders," NASA Historical Reference Collection.

Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom (1927-1967) was chosen with the first group of astronauts in 1959. He was the pilot for the 1961 Mercury-Redstone 4 (*Liberty Bell 7*) mission (a suborbital flight), command pilot for *Gemini III*, and backup command pilot for *Gemini VI*. He had been selected as commander of the first Apollo flight at the time of his death in the Apollo fire in January 1967. See Betty Grissom and Henry Still, *Starfall* (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell, 1974); The Astronauts Themselves, *We Seven* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1962).

Aristid V. Grosse (1905-) was born in Riga, Russia, and trained in engineering at the Technische Hochschule in Berlin. He came to the United States in 1930 and was on the chemistry faculty at the University of Chicago, 1931-1940. He then went to Columbia University briefly before working on the Manhattan Project during the war years. In 1948 he became a faculty member at Temple University, presiding over the Research Institute (now Franklin Institute) through 1969.

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Fritz Haber (1868-1934) was a German research chemist who received the Nobel Prize for developing nitrates from ammonia, which were put to numerous agricultural and industrial uses.

John P. Hagen (1908-1990) was director of the Vanguard program during the 1950s. He had been an astronomer at Wesleyan University, 1931-1935, before working for the Naval Research Laboratory, 1935-1958. With the creation of NASA, he became the assistant director of spaceflight development, 1958-1960, and in 1962 he returned to higher education, becoming a professor of astronomy at Pennsylvania State University (obituary in *New York Times*, September 1, 1990, p. 25).

James C. Hagerty (1909-1981) had been on the staff of the *New York Times* from 1934 to 1942, the last four years as legislative correspondent in the paper's Albany bureau. He served as executive assistant to New York Governor Thomas Dewey from 1943 to 1950 and then as Dewey's secretary for the next two years, before becoming press secretary for President Eisenhower from 1953 to 1961.

Edward Everett Hale (1822-1909) was a writer in the United States during the middle part of the nineteenth century. He was best known for his short story "The Man Without a Country," about a conspirator in the 1803 attempt of Aaron Burr to create a separate nation in the American West. He was widely regarded as one of the foremost literary figures of his time and was the primary speaker at the dedication of the Civil War cemetery in Gettysburg in 1863, at which Abraham Lincoln gave his famous address (Jean Holloway, *Edward Everett Hale: A Biography* [Austin: University of Texas Press, 1956]).

**Donald H. Heaton** was an Air Force officer who from 1951 to 1957 as a lieutenant colonel and colonel had served on various subcommittees of the NACA committee on power plants for aircraft as well as on the committee itself. Available information does not indicate just when he joined NASA headquarters, but the August 1959 telephone directory shows him working in the office of the assistant director of propulsion within the Office of Space Flight Development. He served in a variety of positions connected with launch vehicles, and in June 1961 Associate Administrator Robert Seamans appointed him chairman of an ad hoc task group to formulate plans and determine the resources necessary to carry out a manned lunar landing. His group submitted its summary report in August 1961. He appears to have left NASA headquarters sometime between June and October 1963. See "Donald H. Heaton," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection and headquarters telephone directories for the period; on his committee's report, see especially Courtney G. Brooks, James M. Grimwood, and Loyd S. Swenson, Jr., Chariots for Apollo: A History of Manned Lunar Spacecraft (Washington, DC: NASA SP-4205, 1979), pp. 45, 70-72. F. Edward Hebert (1901-1979) (D-LA) was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1932 and came to Washington as part of the Democratic sweep that led to the "New Deal" legislation of 1933-1935. He retired from office in 1976 after being stripped of his chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee (obituary in New York Times, December 31, 1979, p. A13).

Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988) was a well-known science fiction author who began publishing stories before World War II and continued a celebrated career until his death. He published more than sixty books; among the best known were *Starship Troopers* (1952), *Stranger in a Strange Land* (1961), and *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* (1966) (obituary in *New York Times*, May 10, 1988, p. D2).

Klaus P. Heiss (1942-) is an Austrian-born economist who prepared a major economic feasibility study for the Space Shuttle program in 1971. He later worked with Econ, Inc., and founded and headed Space Transportation Corp., in Princeton, New Jersey. See "Heiss, Klaus P.," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

Christian A. Herter (1895-1966) was under secretary of state, 1957-1959, and then succeeded John Foster Dulles as secretary of state from 1959-1961. He never achieved the level of mutual understanding with President Eisenhower that Dulles had enjoyed, however, and thus failed to have the sort of influence in developing the administration's foreign policy that his predecessor had achieved (Chester A. Pach and Elmo Richardson, *The Presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower* [Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1987], p. 204).

Harry H. Hess (1906-1969) was one of the senior scientists involved in analyzing the lunar samples returned to Earth by Project Apollo. Blair Professor of Geology at Princeton University, he was chair of the Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences during the Apollo era.

William M. Holaday (1901-) was special assistant to the secretary of defense for guided missiles between 1957 and 1958. He was then Department of Defense director of guided missiles in 1958 and chairman of the civilianmilitary liaison committee, 1958-1960. Previously, Holaday had been associated with a variety of research and development activities, notably as director of research for the Socony-Mobil Oil Co., 1937-1944 ("William M. Holaday," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

**D. Brainard Holmes** (1921-) was involved in the management of high-technology efforts in private industry and the federal government. He was on the staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories, 1945-1953, and at RCA, 1953-1961. He then became deputy associate administrator for manned spaceflight at NASA, 1961-1963. Thereafter, he assumed a series of increasingly senior positions with Raytheon Corp., and he served as chairman of Beech Aircraft since 1982. See "D. Brainard Holmes," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection; "Holmes, D(yer) Brainard," *Current Biography 1963*, pp. 191-92.

**Donald F. Hornig** (1920-), a chemist, was a research associate at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Laboratory, 1943-1944, and a scientist and group leader at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, 1944-1946. He taught chemistry at Brown University starting in 1946, rising to the directorship of Metcalf Research Laboratory, 1949-1957, and also serving as associate dean and acting dean of the graduate school from 1952 to 1954. He was Donner Professor of Science at Princeton from 1957 to 1964, as well as chairman of the chemistry department from 1958 to 1964. He was a special assistant to the U.S. president on science and technology from 1964 to 1969 and president of Brown University from 1970 to 1976. See Gregg Herken, *Cardinal Choices: Science Advice to the President from Hiroshima to SDI* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).

Norman H. Horowitz (1915-) was a biologist educated at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), receiving a Ph.D. in 1939. He made a career as a scientist at both Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. At the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, he worked as a scientist on the Viking Mars lander program.

Hubert H. Humphrey (1911-1978) (D-MN) served in the U.S. Senate, 1949-1964 and 1971-1978. As a senator, he pressed for the creation of a Cabinet-level Department of Science and Technology in early 1958, which was defeated by the president's proposal to establish NASA. He was vice president of the United States between 1965 and 1968 under Lyndon Johnson (obituary in *New York Times*, January 14, 1978, p. 1).

Jerome C. Hunsaker (1886-1984) was a senior aeronautical engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was heavily involved in the development of the science of flight in America for the first three-quarters of the twentieth century. See Roger D. Launius, "Jerome C. Hunsaker," in Emily J. McMurray, et al., eds., Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists (New York: Gale Research Inc., 1995), pp. 980-81. J

Henry M. ("Scoop") Jackson (1912-1983) (D-WA) was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1940 and to each succeeding Congress until 1952, when he was elected to the Senate, where he served until the mid-1980s. During the Eisenhower administration he was a leading advocate of greater attention to the development of the U.S. missile program.

**Robert Jastrow** (1925-) earned a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Columbia in 1948 and pursued post-doctoral studies at Leiden, Princeton (Institute for Advanced Studies), and the University of California at Berkeley before becoming an assistant professor at Yale, 1953-1954. He then served on the staff at the Naval Research Laboratory from 1954 to 1958. In the last year he was appointed chief of the theoretical division of the Goddard Space Flight Center. He became director of the Goddard Institute of Space Studies in 1961 and stayed at its helm for twenty years before becoming professor of earth sciences at Dartmouth. He specialized in nuclear physics, plasma physics, geophysics, and the physics of the Moon and terrestrial planets ("Robert Jastrow," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Clarence L. (Kelly) Johnson (1910-1990) was one of the foremost aircraft designers in the United States. As the head of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's famous "Skunk Works" design center, he headed the effort to build the U-2 reconnaissance aircraft in the 1950s. He also worked on the F-80 "Shooting Star," which was the first U.S. jet aircraft, and the SR-71 "Blackbird" reconnaissance plane that still holds speed records. During World War II he was also responsible for the design of the P-38 twin-tailed fighter, "Lightning." He worked for Lockheed from 1938 until his retirement as senior vice president in 1975. See Clarence L. "Kelly" Johnson with Maggie Smith, *Kelly: More Than My Share of it All* (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1985).

Louis A. Johnson (1891-1966) was the assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of War (1937-1940) and then secretary of defense, 1949-1950. See obituary in *New York Times*, April 25, 1966, p. 31.

Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973) (D-TX) was elected to the House of Representatives in 1937 and served until 1949. He was a senator from 1949 to 1961, vice president of the United States under President Kennedy from 1960 to 1963, and president from then until 1969. Best known for the social legislation he passed during his presidency and for his escalation of the war in Vietnam, he was also highly instrumental in revising and passing the legislation that created NASA and in supporting the U.S. space program as chairman of the Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences and of the preparedness subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He was later effective as chairman of the National Aeronautics and Space Council when he was vice president. (On his role in support of the space program, Robert A. Divine, "Lyndon B. Johnson and the Politics of Space," in Robert A. Divine, ed., *The Johnson Years: Vietnam, the Environment, and Science* [Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 1987], pp. 217-53; Robert Dallek, "Johnson, Project Apollo, and the Politics of Space Program Planning," unpublished paper delivered at a symposium on "Presidential Leadership, Congress, and the U.S. Space Program," sponsored by NASA and American University, March 25, 1993.)

U. Alexis Johnson (1908-) was a longtime member of the U.S. Foreign Service and served in a number of embassies around the world. A specialist in Asian affairs, he was attached to the embassy in Tokyo, 1935-1938; consul general to Japan, 1947-1949; and ambassador to Japan, 1966-1969. He served on several international commissions and in numerous senior positions with the Department of State in Washington, D.C., most significantly as under secretary of state for political affairs beginning in 1969 until his retirement.

S. Paul Johnston was director of the Institute for Aeronautical Sciences. He was also a member of the 1957-1958 Purcell Panel that assessed spaceflight capabilities for the U.S. government.

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Joseph Kaplan (1902-1991) was born in Tapolcza, Hungary, and came to the United States in 1910. He trained as a physicist at The Johns Hopkins University and worked on the faculty of the University of California at Berkeley from 1928 until his retirement in 1970. He directed the university's Institute of Geophysics, later the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, from the time of its creation in 1944. Kaplan was heavily involved in efforts in the 1950s to launch the first artificial Earth satellite, serving as the chair of the U.S. National Committee for the International Geophysical Year, 1953-1963. See "Kaplan, Joseph," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection; Joseph Kaplan, "The Aeronomy Story: A Memoir," in R. Cargill Hall, ed., Essays on the History of Rocketry and Astronautics: Proceedings of the Third Through the Sixth History Symposia of the International Academy of Astronautics (Washington, DC: NASA Conference Publication 2014, 1977), 2: 423-27; Joseph Kaplan, "The IGY Program," Proceedings of the IRE, June 1956, pp. 741-43.

# Theodore von Kármán (1881-1963) was a Hungarian aerodynamicist who founded the Aeronautical Institute at Aachen before World War I and achieved a world-class reputation in aeronautics through the 1920s. In 1930 Robert A. Millikan and his associates at the California Institute of Technology lured von Kármán from Aachen to become the director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at Caltech (GALCIT). There, he trained a generation of engineers in theoretical aerodynamics and fluid dynamics. With its eminence in physics, physical chemistry, and astrophysics as well as aeronautics, it proved to be an almost ideal site for the early development of U.S. ballistic rocketry. See Judith R. Goodstein, *Millikan's School: A History of California Institute of Technology* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1991); Clayton R. Koppes, *JPL and the American Space Program: A History of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1982); Michael H. Gorn, *The Universal Man: Theodore von Kármán's Life in Aeronautics* (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1992).

Amron Harry Katz (1915-) was a physicist who worked with the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California, between 1954 and 1969. He was a specialist in aerospace reconnaissance.

William W. Kellogg (1917-) was a meteorologist with the Rand Corporation between 1947 and 1959. Thereafter, he held a senior position with the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

John F. Kennedy (1916-1963) was president of the United States, 1961-1963. In 1960 Kennedy, a senator from Massachusetts between 1953 and 1960, ran for president as the Democratic candidate, with party "wheelhorse" Lyndon B. Johnson as his running mate. Using the slogan, "Let's get this country moving again," Kennedy charged the Republican Eisenhower administration with doing nothing about the myriad social, economic, and international problems that festered in the 1950s. He was especially hard on Eisenhower's record in international relations, taking a "cold warrior" position on a supposed "missile gap" (which turned out not to be the case) wherein the United States lagged far behind the Soviet Union in ICBM technology. On May 25, 1961, President Kennedy announced to the nation a goal of sending an American to the Moon before the end of the decade. The human spaceflight imperative was a direct outgrowth of it; Projects Mercury (at least in its latter stages), Gemini, and Apollo were each designed to execute it. On this subject, see Walter A. McDougall, ... *The Heavens and the Earth: A Political History of the Space Age* (New York: Basic Books, 1985); John M. Logsdon, *The Decision to Go to the Moon: Project Apollo and the National Interest* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1970).

Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968) was attorney general during the administration of his brother, John F. Kennedy, and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency in 1968 at the time of his assassination. He was involved in the 1961 decision to go to the Moon as a senior advisor (as well as attorney general) in the Kennedy administration. On his career, see Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., *Robert Kennedy and His Times* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1978).

Johann Kepler (1571-1630), a young German astronomer, began work with Tycho Brahe in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1599. When Brahe died in 1601, Kepler inherited his position and continued his observations for a method of mathematically solidifying the Copernican view of the universe. He developed his three laws of planetary motion, and he was interested in cosmology and dabbled in astrology. His last book, *Somnium*, was completed shortly before his death and related a fantastic story of space travel that was memorable for its exposition of the Copernican model to explain planetary motion (Owen Gingerich, "Johnnes Kepler," *Dictionary of Scientific Biography* [New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1970], 7: 289-90).

**Robert S. Kerr** (1896-1963) (D-OK) had been governor of Oklahoma from 1943-1947 and was elected to the Senate the following year. From 1961 until 1963 he chaired the Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee. See Anne Hodges Morgan, *Robert S. Kerr: The Senate Years* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1977).

George A. Keyworth II (1939-) was director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and science advisor to President Ronald Reagan between 1981 and 1986. Formerly the head of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Keyworth was a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Duke University in 1968. He began work at Los Alamos after graduation and remained there until 1981. See "Keyworth, George A(lbert), 2d," *Current Biography Yearbook 1986*, pp. 265-68.

Nikita S. Khrushchev (1894-1971) was premier of the Soviet Union from 1958 to 1964 and first secretary of the Communist Party from 1953 to 1964. He was noted for an astonishing speech in 1956 denouncing the crimes and blunders of Joseph Stalin and for gestures of reconciliation with the West in 1959-1960, ending with the breakdown of a Paris summit with President Eisenhower and the leaders of France and Great Britain in the wake of Khrushchev's announcement that the Soviets had shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance aircraft over the Urals on 1 May 1960. Then in 1962 Khrushchev attempted to place Soviet medium-range missiles in Cuba. This led to an intense crisis in October, after which Khrushchev agreed to remove the missiles if the United States promised to make no more attempts to overthrow Cuba's Communist government. Although he could be charming at times, Khrushchev was also given to bluster (extending even to shoe-pounding at the U.N.) and was a tough negotiator, although he believed, unlike his predecessors, in the possibility of Communist victory over the West without war. For further information about him, see his *Khrushchev Remembers: The Last Testament* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1974); Edward Crankshaw, *Khrushchev: A Career* (New York: Viking, 1966); Michael R. Beschloss, *Mayday: Eisenhower, Khrushchev and the U-2 Affair* (New York: Harper and Row, 1986); Robert A. Divine, *Eisenhower and the Cold War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1981).

James R. Killian, Jr. (1904-1988), was president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) between 1949 and 1959. He was on leave between November 1957 and July 1959 when he served as the first presidential science advisor. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the President's Science Advisory Committee (PSAC), which Killian chaired, following the Sputnik crisis. After leaving the White House staff in 1959, Killian continued his work at MIT, but in 1965 he began working with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to develop public television. Killian described his experiences as a presidential advisor in *Sputnik, Scientists, and Eisenhower: A Memoir of the First Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1977). For a discussion of the PSAC, see Gregg Herken, *Cardinal Choices: Science Advice to the President from Hiroshima to SDI* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).

Jeane J. Kirkpatrick (1926-) was U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Henry Kissinger (1923-) was assistant to the president for national security affairs, 1969-1973, under President Richard Nixon and secretary of state thereafter until 1977 under Nixon and President Gerald Ford. In these positions he was especially involved in international aspects of spaceflight, particularly the joint Soviet/American flight, the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, in 1975.

George B. Kistiakowsky (1900-1982) was a pioneering chemist at Harvard University, associated with the development of the atomic bomb, and later an advocate of banning nuclear weapons. He served as science advisor to President Eisenhower from July 1959 to the end of the administration. He later served on the advisory board to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency from 1962 to 1969 (*New York Times*, December 9, 1982, p. B21; "George B. Kistiakowsky," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

William F. Knowland (1908-1974) (R-CA) served in the Senate between 1945 and 1959 (*Washington Post*, October 5, 1959, p. C3; *Guide to Research Collections of Former United States Senators*, 1789-1982 [Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1983], p. 291).

Joseph J. Knopow was a young Lockheed engineer who helped develop an infrared radiometer and telescope to detect the hot exhaust gases emitted by long-range jet bombers and, more important, large rockets in the mid-1950s. This aircraft-tracker and missile-detection system became a standard method of targeting enemy air- and spacecraft.

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Melvin Laird (1922- ) was secretary of defense during the Nixon administration.

Edwin Land was president of the Polaroid Corporation, as well as a member of the 1957-1958 Purcell Panel that assessed spaceflight capabilities for the U.S. government.

Harold Lasswell (1902-1978) was a political scientist at Yale University. He was especially interested in public opinion polling, the uses of propaganda, and the democratic political process.

James S. Lay, Jr. (1911-1987), was a senior official in the National Security Council, first as assistant executive secretary, 1947-1950, and then as executive secretary, 1950-1961. He then served as deputy assistant to the director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), 1961-1964, and the executive secretary of the Intelligence Board through 1971.

Tom Lehrer (1928-) was a satirist who wrote and recorded several folk songs in the 1960s that made light of current events. His last album, *That Was the Year That Was* (1965), contained the satirical song "Wernher von Braun," dealing with the relationship of science to ethics. See "Lehrer, Tom," *Current Biography 1982*, pp. 227-30.

Curtis E. LeMay (1906-1990) was a career Air Force officer who entered the Army Air Corps in the 1920s and rose through a series of increasingly responsible Army Air Forces commands in World War II. After the war, LeMay built the Strategic Air Command into the premier nuclear deterrent force in the early 1950s. He also served as deputy chief of staff, 1957-1961, and chief of staff, 1961-1965, of the U.S. Air Force. He retired as a four-star

general in 1965, and he ran for vice president with independent candidate George C. Wallace in 1968. See Thomas M. Coffey, Iron Eagle: The Turbulent Life of General Curtis LeMay (New York: Crown Pub., 1986).

**Samuel Lenher** (1905-) was a chemical manufacturing executive with the Dupont Corporation in Wilmington, Delaware, from 1929 until his retirement.

Willy Ley (1906-1969) was an extremely effective popularizer of spaceflight, first in Germany and then after 1935 in the United States, to which he emigrated after Hitler's ascension to power. He helped found the large and significant German "Verein fur Raumschiffahrt" (Society for Spaceship Travel, or VfR) in 1927. He also wrote several books that dealt with the dream of spaceflight. One of the most important was *Rockets: The Future of Travel Beyond the Stratosphere*, first published in 1944. In it Ley labored to convince interested readers that rockets would soon be able to carry humans off the surface of the Earth. One of the earliest books on rocketry for the general public, this work became a reference source for future science fiction and reality writing. A revised edition appeared in 1947, titled *Rockets and Space Travel*, and another in 1952, *Rockets, Missiles, and Space Travel*. An obituary can be found in the *New York Times*, June 25, 1969, p. 47.

**Charles A. Lindbergh** (1902-1974) was an early aviator who gained fame as the first pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1927. His public stature following this flight was such that he became an important voice on behalf of aerospace activities until his death. He served on a variety of national and international boards and committees, including the central committee of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in the United States. He became an expatriate living in Europe, following the kidnapping and murder of his two-year-old son in 1932. In Europe during the rise of fascism, Lindbergh assisted American aviation authorities by providing them with information about European technological developments. After 1936 he was especially important in warning the United States of the rise of Nazi air power. He assisted with the war effort in the 1940s by serving as a consultant to aviation companies and the government, and after the war he lived quietly in Connecticut and then in Hawaii. See Walter S. Ross, *The Last Hero: Charles A. Lindbergh* (New York: Harper and Row, 1967).

James E. Lipp (1910-) earned a Ph.D. in aeronautical engineering from the California Institute of Technology in 1935, and he then worked for the Douglas Aircraft Co., 1935-1948. Thereafter, he went to work for the Rand Corporation and eventually headed its aerospace division.

Alan M. Lovelace (1929-) was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was educated at the University of Florida, Gainesville, receiving a B.S. in chemistry in 1951, an M.S. in organic chemistry in 1952, and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1954. Shortly after the end of the Korean conflict, he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1956. Thereafter, Dr. Lovelace began work as a government scientist at the Air Force Materials Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. In January 1964 he was appointed chief scientist of the Air Force Materials Laboratory. In 1967 he was named director of the Air Force Materials Laboratory, and in October 1972 he was named director of science and technology for the Air Force Systems Command at headquarters, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. In September 1973 he became the principal deputy to the assistant secretary of the Air Force for research and development. In September 1974 Dr. Lovelace left the Department of Defense to become the associate administrator of the NASA Office of Aeronautics and Space Technology. With the departure of George Low as NASA deputy administrator in June 1976, Dr. Lovelace became deputy administrator, serving until July 1981. He retired from NASA to accept a position as corporate vice president—science and engineering with the General Dynamics Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri. See "Lovelace, Alan M.," Deputy Administrator files, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

George M. Low (1926-1984), a native of Vienna, Austria, came to the United States in 1940 and received an aeronautical engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in 1948 and an M.S. in the same field from that school in 1950. He joined NACA in 1949, and at the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, he specialized in experimental and theoretical research in several fields. He became chief of manned spaceflight at NASA headquarters in 1958. In 1960 he chaired a special committee that formulated the original plans for the Apollo lunar landings. In 1964 he became deputy director of the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, the forerunner of the Johnson Space Center. He became deputy administrator of NASA in 1969 and served as acting administrator from 1970 to 1971. He retired from NASA in 1976 to become president of RPI, a position he still held at his death. In 1990 NASA renamed its quality and excellence award after him ("Low, George M.," Deputy Administrator files, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

**Percival Lowell** (1855-1916) was the U.S. astronomer who predicted the existence of the planet Pluto. A Boston Brahmin, Lowell was a gentleman scholar who was involved in literature, writing several books on his travels around the globe. He also served as counselor and foreign secretary to the Korean Special Mission to the United States. Lowell developed an interest in astronomy in middle age, and he founded an observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, to study the Solar System, especially Mars. He was enamored with the prospect of life on the red planet and theorized that its "canals" were the product of intelligent life (William Graves Hoyt, *Lowell and Mars* [Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1976]).

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**Richard C. McCurdy** (1909-), an engineer specializing in petroleum, was associate administrator for organization and management at NASA headquarters, Washington, D.C., 1970-1973, and a consultant to the agency from 1973 to 1982.

Neil H. McElroy (1904-1972) became secretary of defense in 1957 and served through 1959. He had previously been president of Procter & Gamble and returned there in December 1959 to become chairman of the board. He served in that position until October 1972, a month before his death.

Walter A. MacNair (1901-) was an electrical engineer who worked with the Bell Telephone Laboratories, 1929-1952, and the Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation thereafter.

**Robert S. McNamara** (1916) was secretary of defense during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, 1961-1968. Thereafter, he served as president of the World Bank, where he remained until retirement in 1981. As secretary of defense in 1961 McNamara was intimately involved in the process of approving Project Apollo by the Kennedy administration. See "McNamara, Robert S(trange)," *Current Biography Yearbook 1987*, pp. 408-13; John M. Logsdon, *The Decision to Go to the Moon: Project Apollo and the National Interest* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1970).

John W. Macy, Jr., was chair of the Civil Service Commission during the Kennedy administration. He served as a member of a study committee in 1961 to ascertain the viability of "contracting out" considerable functions in aerospace research and development. The 1961 study was known as the "Bell Report" because the chair of the committee was David E. Bell, director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Frank J. Malina (1912-1981) was a young Ph.D. student at the California Institute of Technology in the mid-1930s, when he began an aggressive rocket research program to design a high-altitude sounding rocket. Beginning in late 1936 Malina and his colleagues started the static testing of rocket engines in the canyons above the Rose Bowl, with mixed results, but a series of tests eventually led to the development of the WAC Corporal rocket during World War II. After the war Malina worked with the United Nations and eventually retired to Paris to pursue a career as an artist. See "Malina, Frank J.," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

Gordon Manning was a journalist for several periodicals. He was a staff writer for *Collier's*, 1948-1949, and worked in a series of increasingly responsible positions for *Newsweek*, 1949-1964. Between 1961 and 1964 he was executive editor. Thereafter, he worked with television, first as vice president and director of news for CBS, 1964-1972, and then as executive producer of NBC News, 1975-1978.

Hans Mark (1929-) became NASA deputy administrator in July 1981. He had previously served as secretary of the Air Force from July 1979 until February 1981 and as under secretary of the Air Force since 1977. In February 1969 Mark became director of NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California, where he managed the center's research and applications efforts in aeronautics, space science, life science, and space technology. Born in Mannheim, Germany, he came to the United States in 1940, and he became a citizen in 1945. He received a Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1954. Upon leaving NASA he became Chancellor of the University of Texas at Austin. See "Mark, Hans," Deputy Administrator files, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

**Robert P. Mayo** (1916-) was an economist and President Richard Nixon's first director of the Bureau of the Budget. On July 1, 1970, when the Bureau of the Budget was replaced with the Office of Management and Budget, Mayo was shifted to the White House as a presidential assistant. In July 1970 he left Washington to assume the presidency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago ("Mayo, Robert P(orter)," *Current Biography 1970*, pp. 282-84).

John B. Medaris (1902-1990) was a major general commanding the Army Ballistic Missile Agency when T. Keith Glennan tried to incorporate it into NASA in the late 1950s. He attempted to retain the organization as part of the Army, but with a series of Department of Defense agreements, the Air Force obtained primacy in space activities, and Medaris could not succeed in his effort. Medaris also worked with Wernher von Braun to launch *Explorer I* in early 1958. He retired from the Army in 1969 and became an Episcopal priest, later joining an even more conservative Anglican-Catholic church ("Medaris, John Bruce," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection; John B. Medaris with Arthur Gordon, *Countdown for Decision* [New York: Putnam, 1960]).

Ruben F. Mettler (1924 ) was an electronics and engineering company executive who worked for the Hughes Aircraft Co., 1949-1954; Ramo-Wooldridge Corp., 1955-1958; TRW Space Technology Laboratories, 1958-1965; and TRW Systems Group, 1965-1968. He became president and chief operating officer of TRW Inc., 1969-1977, and then TRW chairman of the board and CEO, 1977-1988.

Stuart Miller (1927-) was a research engineer in industry, working with the Chrysler Corporation, 1952-1953, and the General Electric Co., 1953-1977.

**Robert A. Millikan** (1868-1953) was a Nobel Prize-winning physicist at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). Best known for his research on cosmic rays, he also built Caltech into a world-class educational and scientific institution, over which he presided until his retirement in 1946. For more information on Millikan, see Robert H. Kargon, *The Rise of Robert Millikan: Portrait of a Life in American Science* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1982); *The Autobiography of Robert A. Millikan* (New York: Prentice-Hall, 1950).

Wilbur D. Mills (1909-1992) (D-AR) was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1939 to 1977. He served as chair of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, 1957-1975 (obituary in *New York Times*, May 3, 1992, p. 153).

L. Arthur Minnich, Jr. (1918-), was assistant staff secretary in the White House, 1953-1960. A historian by training, he also served on the faculty of Lafayette College before 1953. After leaving the White House, he served as the executive secretary of UNESCO.

Oskar Morgenstern (1902-) was a German-born and -trained economist. He came to the United States in 1925 and worked at Princeton University after 1938. He founded and headed Mathematica, Inc., which provided economic analyses to government and industry.

Frank E. "Ted" Moss (1906-) (D-UT) was first elected to the Senate in 1958 and served until 1977. Between 1972 and 1977 he served as chair of the Senate Space Committee.

George E. Mueller (1918-) was associate administrator for the Office of Manned Space Flight at NASA headquarters, 1963-1969, where he responsible for overseeing the completion of Project Apollo and for beginning the development of the Space Shuttle. He moved to the General Dynamics Corporation, as senior vice president in 1969, and remained until 1971. He then became president of the Systems Development Corporation, 1971-1980, and then its chairman and chief executive officer, 1981-1983. See "Mueller, George E.," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

Edmund Muskie (1914 ) (D-ME) served in the U.S. Senate, 1959-1981.

Dale D. Myers (1922-) served as NASA deputy administrator from October 1986 until 1989. He had previously been under secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy from 1977 to 1979. From 1974 to 1977 he was vice president at Rockwell International and president of the North American Aircraft Group in El Segundo, California. He was also the associate administrator for the Office of Manned Space Flight at NASA from 1970 to 1974. From 1969 to 1970 Myers served as vice president/program manager of the Space Shuttle Program at Rockwell International. He was also vice president and program manager of the Apollo Command/Service Module Program at North American-Rockwell from 1964 to 1969. After leaving NASA in 1989 Myers returned to private industry. See "Myers, Dale D.," Deputy Administrator files, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

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John E. Naugle (1923-) was trained as a physicist at the University of Minnesota and began his career studying cosmic rays by launching balloons to high altitudes. In 1959 he joined NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, where he developed projects to study the magnetosphere. In 1960 he took charge of NASA's fields and particles research program. He also served as NASA's associate administrator for the Office of Space Science and as the agency's chief scientist before his retirement in 1981. See John E. Naugle, *First Among Equals: The Selection of NASA Space Science Experiments* (Washington, DC: NASA SP4215, 1991).

Richard G. Neustadt (1919-) was a Harvard University-trained political scientist who made a career in public policy analysis. He served for a time (1946-1953) with the federal government in Washington and thereafter in academia at Columbia University (1954-1964) and Harvard University (since 1964). He was an informal advisor to presidents and their associates between the 1940s and the 1980s. See Richard E. Neustadt and Ernest R. May, *Thinking in Time: The Uses of History for Decision Makers* (New York: Free Press, 1986).

**Isaac Newton** (1642-1727) created a scientific explanation of the workings of the universe that held sway until the twentieth century. Based on the concept of gravity and three laws of motion that related to it, the Newtonian construct placed astronomy and physics on a firm mathematical foundation. Born in England, Newton was educated at Trinity College in Cambridge. As a relatively young man, by 1667 he had developed his ideas on universal gravitation and its consequences, the nature of white light, and the calculus. In the same year, he was elected a fellow of Trinity College and two years later succeeded to the chair of his mentor Isaac Barrow. In 1696 Newton was named warden of the mint and became its master in 1699. While still officially associated with Cambridge, his work at the mint effectively ended Newton's academic career (James R. Newman, ed., *The World of Mathematics* [New York: Simon and Schuster, 1956], pp. 256-78; Lloyd Motz and Jefferson Hane Weaver, *The Story of Physics* [New York: Avon Books, 1992]).

Kenneth D. Nichols (1907-) worked on the Manhattan Project in World War II and served in a variety of special weapons activities with the Department of Defense. In the early 1950s he was involved in directing the guided missile research and development effort for the secretary of defense. He also held posts with the Atomic Energy Commission and with industry.

Richard M. Nixon (1913-1994) was president of the United States between January 1969 and August 1974. Early in his presidency Nixon appointed a Space Task Group under the direction of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to assess the future of spaceflight for the nation. Its report recommended a vigorous post-Apollo exploration program culminating in a human expedition to Mars. Nixon did not approve this plan, but he did decide in favor of building one element of it, the Space Shuttle, which was approved on January 5, 1972. See Roger D. Launius, "NASA and the Decision to Build the Space Shuttle, 1969-72," *The Historian* 57 (Autumn 1994): 17-34.

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Hermann J. Oberth (1894-1989) is one of the three recognized fathers of spaceflight. A Transylvanian by birth but a German in his family heritage, he was educated at the Universities of Klausenburg, Munich, Gottingen, and Heidelberg. His doctoral dissertation being rejected because it did not fit into any established scientific discipline, he published it privately as *Die Rakete zu den Planetenräumen (The Rocket into Interplanetary Space)* in 1923. It and its expanded version, titled *Ways to Spaceflight* (1929), set forth the basic principles of spaceflight and directly inspired many subsequent spaceflight pioneers, including Wernher von Braun. See his "Hermann Oberth: From My Life," *Astronautics*, June 1959, pp. 38-39, 100-106; Frank Winter, *Rockets into Space* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1990), pp. 17-25; Helen B. Walters, *Hermann Oberth: Father of Space Travel* (New York: Macmillan, 1962).

**Charles R. O'Dell** (1937-) was trained as an astronomer at the University of Wisconsin and was project scientist for the Hubble Space Telescope project, 1972-1983, at the Marshall Space Flight Center. He has been on the astronomy faculty at several universities, including the University of Houston where he is Buchanan Professor of Astrophysics.

Hugh Odishaw (1916-1984) became assistant to the director of the National Bureau of Standards from 1946 to 1954, served as executive director of the U.S. National Committee for the International Geophysical Year from 1954 to 1965, and then became the executive secretary of the Division of Physical Sciences in the National Academy of Sciences from 1966 to 1972.

Thomas F. (Tip) O'Neill (1912-1994) (D-MA) served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1953 until 1987. For much of his later service in the House, he was speaker.

**Don Richard Ostrander** (1914-1972) was a career Air Force officer who became a major general in 1958. He was deputy commander of the Advanced Research Projects Agency in 1959 and became director of NASA's launch vehicle programs in late 1959 as NASA began taking over responsibility for the Saturn program. He left NASA in 1961 and retired from the Air Force in 1965 as vice commander of the Ballistic Systems Division, Air Force Systems Command, to become vice president for planning of the Bell Aero Systems Corporation ("Don Richard Ostrander," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

**Carl F.J. Overhage** (1910-) earned his Ph.D. in physics at the California Institute of Technology in 1937 and served as acting director of research for Technicolor Motion Picture Corp. until 1941, when he joined the staff of the radiation laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) from 1942 to 1945. After a stint with Eastman Kodak from 1946 to 1954, he joined the Lincoln Laboratories of MIT, becoming its director from 1957 to 1964, after which he served as a professor of engineering.

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Thomas O. Paine (1921-1992) was appointed deputy administrator of NASA on January 31, 1968. Upon the retirement of James E. Webb on October 8, 1968, he was named acting administrator of NASA. He was nominated as NASA's third administrator March 5, 1969, which was confirmed by the Senate on March 20, 1969. During his leadership the first seven Apollo manned missions were flown, in which twenty astronauts orbited the earth, fourteen traveled to the Moon, and four walked on its surface. Paine resigned from NASA on September 15, 1970, and he returned to the General Electric Co. in New York City as vice president and executive of the Power Generation Group, where he remained until 1976. In 1985 the White House chose Paine as chair of a National Commission on Space to prepare a report on the future of space exploration. Since leaving NASA fifteen years earlier Paine had been a tireless spokesperson for an expansive view of what should be done in space. The Paine Commission took most of a year to prepare its report, largely because it solicited public input in hearings throughout the United States. The commission's report, Pioneering the Space Frontier, was published in a lavishly illustrated, glossy format in May 1986. It espoused a "pioneering mission for 21st-century America"-"to lead the exploration and development of the space frontier, advancing science, technology, and enterprise, and building institutions and systems that make accessible vast new resources and support human settlements beyond Earth orbit, from the highlands of the Moon to the plains of Mars." The report also contained a "Declaration for Space," which included a rationale for exploring and settling the Solar System and outlined a long-range space program for the United States.

Richard S. Perkin (1906-) was co-founder and president of Perkin-Elmer Corp., 1937-1960, and then chairman of the board.

James A. Perkins (1911-) was vice president of the Carnegie Corporation from 1951 to 1963 and president of Cornell University from 1963 to 1969. He served on the Kimpton Committee of 1959 to assess the space effort.

**Rocco Petrone** (1926-) was heavily involved at NASA with the development of the Saturn V booster used to launch Apollo spacecraft to the Moon in the 1960s and early 1970s. He worked at the Marshall Space Flight Center and became its director in 1973. He left Marshall in 1974 for a position at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., in 1974, and he retired from the agency in 1975. He then became president and chief executive officer of the National Center for Resource Recovery.

Samuel C. Phillips (1921-1990) was trained as an electrical engineer at the University of Wyoming, but he also participated in the Civilian Pilot Training Program during World War II. Upon his graduation in 1942 Phillips entered the Army infantry but soon transferred to the air component. As a young pilot, he served with distinction in the Eighth Air Force in England—earning two distinguished flying crosses, eight air medals, and the French croix de guerre—but he quickly became interested in aeronautical research and development. He became involved in the development of the incredibly successful B-52 bomber in the early 1950s and headed the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile program in the latter part of the decade. In 1964, by this time an Air Force general, Phillips was lent to NASA to head the Apollo moon landing program, which, of course, was unique in its technological accomplishment. He went back to the Air Force in the 1970s and commanded the Air Force Systems Command prior to his retirement in 1975. See "Gen. Samuel C. Phillips of Wyoming," *Congressional Record*, August 3, 1973, S-15689; Rep. John Wold, "Sam Phillips: One Who Led Us to the Moon," *NASA Activities*, May/June 1990, pp. 18-19; obituary in *New York Times*, February 1, 1990, p. D1.

William H. Pickering (1910-) obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering and then a Ph.D. in physics from the California Institute of Technology before becoming a professor of electrical engineering there in 1946. In 1944 he organized the electronics efforts at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) to support guided missile research and development, becoming project manager for Corporal, the first operational missile that JPL developed. From 1954 to 1976 he was director of JPL, which developed the first U.S. satellite (*Explorer I*), the first successful U.S. cislunar space probe (*Pioneer IV*), the Mariner flights to Venus and Mars in the early to mid-1960s, the Ranger photographic missions to the Moon in 1964-65, and the Surveyor lunar landings of 1966-1967 ("William H. Pickering," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

William Proxmire (1915- ) (D-WI) served in the U.S. Senate between 1957 and 1989.

**Claudius Ptolemy** (fl. 127-145) of Alexandria, Egypt, was responsible for the development of the "Ptolemaic System" of understanding the universe. It placed the Earth at its center with the planets, Moon, Sun, and stars orbiting overhead. Ptolemy based his system on observations of celestial bodies and the application of mathematical models that adequately explained the movements he observed. He also catalogued 1,022 stars (Owen T. Gingerich, gen. ed., *The Cambridge General History of Astronomy*, Vol. 1 [New York: Cambridge University Press, 1984]).

Allen E. Puckett (1919-) earned his Ph.D. at the California Institute of Technology in 1949 and went to work for Hughes Aircraft Co. that year, becoming its executive vice president from 1965 to 1977 and its president thereafter. He served as a member of the Nixon transition team's Task Force on Space, which was led by Dr. Charles Townes, to make recommendations on the new administration's efforts in aerospace.

Edward M. Purcell (1912-) was a professor of physics at Harvard University and also served on the president's Scientific Advisory Committee from 1957 to 1960 and 1962 to 1965. He had been co-winner of the Nobel Prize in physics in 1952 (with Felix Bloch) for the discovery of nuclear magnetic resonance in solids.

**Donald L. Putt** (1905-1988) was a career U.S. Air Force officer who specialized in the management of aerospace research and development activities. Trained as an engineer, he entered the Army Air Corps in 1928 and worked in a series of increasingly responsible posts at the Air Materiel Command and general headquarters of the Air Force. From 1948 to 1952 he was director of research and development for the Air Force, and he was first vice commander and then commander of the Air Research and Development Command between 1952 and 1954. Thereafter until his retirement in 1958, he served as deputy chief of the development staff at Air Force headquarters.

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Donald A. Quarles (1894-1959) was a deputy secretary of defense between 1957 and 1959. Just after World War II he had been a vice president first at Western Electric Co. and later at Sandia National Laboratories, but in 1953 he accepted the position of assistant secretary of defense (research and development). He was also secretary of the Air Force between 1955 and 1957.

# R

Ronald Reagan (1911-) was elected president of the United States in 1980 and assumed office in January 1981; he served until 1989. During his presidency the maiden flight of the Space Shuttle took place. In 1984 he mandated the construction of an orbital space station. Reagan declared that "America has always been greatest when we dared to be great. We can reach for greatness again. We can follow our dreams to distant stars, living and working in space for peaceful, economic, and scientific gain. Tonight I am directing NASA to develop a permanently manned space station and to do it within a decade." See Sylvia D. Fries, "2001 to 1994: Political Environment and the Design of NASA's Space Station System," *Technology and Culture* 29 (July 1988): 568-93.

Sally K. Ride (1951-) was the first American woman to fly in space. She was chosen as an astronaut in 1978 and served as a mission specialist for STS-7 (1983) and for STS-41G (1984). She was also a member of the Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle *Challenger* Accident in 1986, and from 1986 to 1987 she chaired a NASA task force that prepared a report on the future of the civilian space program, titled *Leadership and America's Future in Space* (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1987). Ride resigned from NASA in 1987 to join the Center for International Security and Arms Control at Stanford University. She left Stanford in 1989 to assume the directorship of the California Space Institute, part of the University of California at San Diego. See "Ride, Sally K.," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

Louis N. Ridenour (1911-) received his Ph.D. in physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1936, and he began work at Princeton University. In 1938 he moved to the University of Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1947. He then went to the University of Illinois, but he left there in 1951 to become vice president of the International Telemeter Corp. He also served in several positions with scientific organizations in the federal government, most significantly as chief scientist with the U.S. Air Force in the early 1950s.

Walter O. Roberts (1915-1990) was an astronomer at the University of Colorado's High Altitude Observatory. He was also instrumental in the creation of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in 1960, and he directed the program on food, climate, and the world's future for the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, 1974-1981. He was heavily involved in the debate over "nuclear winter" and the possibility of the "Greenhouse Effect" on the Earth in the 1980s. See "Roberts, Walter Orr," *Current Biography Yearbook 1990*, p. 660.

Nelson A. Rockefeller (1909-1979) was vice president of the United States from 1974 to 1977. He had previously been the Republican governor of New York, 1958-1973 (obituary in *New York Times*, January 26, 1979, p. 27).

William P. Rogers (1913-) was chair of the presidentially mandated blue ribbon commission investigating the *Challenger* accident in January 1986. It found that the failure had resulted from a poor engineering decision, an Oring used to seal joints in the solid rocket booster that was susceptible to failure at low temperatures, introduced innocently enough years earlier. Rogers kept the commission's analysis on that technical level, and he documented the problems in exceptional detail. The commission, after some prodding by Nobel Prize-winning scientist Richard P. Feynman, did a credible job of grappling with the technologically difficult issues associated with the accident. See *Report of the Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident, Vol. I* (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, June 6, 1986).

H.E. Ross was one of the leaders of the British Interplanetary Society from the time of its inception in 1933. Ross wrote a 1939 article in the society's journal that outlined a method of accomplishing a lunar mission. The effort leading to the article had begun in London in February 1937 when the British Interplanetary Society formed a technical committee to conduct feasibility studies.

Herbert J. Rowe (1924-) was NASA associate administrator for external affairs, 1975-1978. He also worked with several high-technology industrial firms, including the Aerovax Corporation.

Richard B. Russell, Jr. (1897-1971) (D-GA), was a U.S. Senator from 1933 until his death. He was an influential force in the Senate, and he served as chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, 1951-1969.

**Cornelius Ryan** was an influential journalist who worked for *Collier's* magazine in the 1950s and was in large measure responsible for the issues of the magazine devoted to space that appeared between 1952 and 1955. He became best known for his World War II trilogy: *The Longest Day: June 6, 1944* (1959); *A Bridge Too Far* (1974); and *The Last Battle* (1966).

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Robert M. Salter, Jr. (1920-), was a physicist who worked with North American Aviation, 1946-1948; the Rand Corporation, 1948-1954; Lockheed Aircraft Co., 1954-1959; Quantatron, Inc., 1960-1962; and Xerad, Inc., since 1962. He was responsible for much of the early thinking at Rand on the possibility of an artificial Earth-orbiting satellite.

Leverett Saltonstall (1892-1979) (R-MA) was governor of Massachusetts from 1939 to 1944, when he won election to the U.S. Senate. He served in the Senate from then until 1967 and became one of its Republican leaders.

Giovanni Schiaparelli (1835-1910) was an Italian astronomer and senator of the Kingdom of Italy. He studied astronomy in Berlin, beginning in 1854 under Johann F. Encke. Two years later he was appointed assistant observer at Pulkovo Observatory, Russia. In 1860 he returned to Italy as an observer at Brera Observatory in Milan. There he made controversial observations of Martian *canali*, or straight lines, that set off speculation about the possibility of intelligent life who had constructed them. He also discovered the asteroid Hesperia and correctly calculated the Perseid meteor showers (Frederick I. Ordway III, "The Legacy of Schiaparelli and Lowell," *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*, January 1986, pp. 18-22).

Bernard A. Schriever (1910-) earned a B.S. in architectural engineering from Texas A&M in 1931 and was commissioned in the Army Air Corps Reserve in 1933 after completing pilot training. Following broken service, he received a regular commission in 1938. He earned an M.A. in aeronautical engineering from Stanford in 1942 and then flew sixty-three combat missions in B-17s with the 19th Bombardment Group in the Pacific Theater during World War II. In 1954 he became commander of the Western Development Division (soon renamed the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division), and from 1959 to 1966 he was commander of its parent organization, the Air Research and Development Command, renamed the Air Force Systems Command in 1961. As such, he presided over the development of the Atlas, Thor, and Titan missiles, which served not only as military weapon systems but also as boosters for NASA's space missions. In developing these missiles, Schriever instituted a systems approach, whereby the various components of the Atlas and succeeding missiles underwent simultaneous design and testing as part of an overall "weapons system." Schriever also introduced the notion of concurrency, which has been given various interpretations but essentially allowed the components of the missiles to enter production while still in the testing phase, thereby speeding up development. He retired as a general in 1966. See Jacob Neufeld, "Bernard A. Schriever: Challenging the Unknown," Makers of the United States Air Force (Washington, DC: Office of Air Force History, 1986), pp. 281-306; Robert L. Perry, "Atlas, Thor . . .," in Eugene M. Emme, ed., A History of Rocket Technology (Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Press, 1964), pp. 144-160; Robert A. Divine, The Sputnik Challenge: Eisenhower's Response to the Soviet Satellite (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993), p. 25.

Glenn T. Seaborg (1912-) earned a Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1937 and worked on the Manhattan Project in Chicago during World War II. Afterward, he became associate director of Berkeley's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, where he and associates isolated several transuranic elements. For this work, Seaborg received the Nobel Prize in 1951. He also served as chair of the Atomic Energy Commission, 1961-1971, and thereafter returned to the faculty of the University of California at Berkeley. See David Petechuk, "Glenn T. Seaborg," in Emily J. McMurray, et al., eds., Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists (New York: Gale Research Inc., 1995), pp. 1803-1806. Robert C. Seamans, Jr. (1918-), had been involved in aerospace issues since he completed his Sc.D. degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1951. He was on the faculty at MIT's department of aeronautical engineering between 1949 and 1955, when he joined the Radio Corporation of America as manager of the Airborne Systems Laboratory. In 1958 he became the chief engineer of the Missile Electronics and Control Division and joined NASA in 1960 as associate administrator. In December 1965, he became NASA deputy administrator. He left NASA in 1968 and became secretary of the Air Force in 1969, serving until 1973. Seamans was president of the National Academy of Engineering from May 1973 to December 1974, when he became the first administrator of the new Energy Research and Development Administration. He returned to MIT in 1977, becoming dean of its School of Engineering in 1978. In 1981 he was elected chair of the board of trustees of Aerospace Corp. ("Robert C. Seamans, Jr., "biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection; Robert C. Seamans, Jr., Aiming at Targets [Beverly, MA: Memoirs Unlimited, 1994]).

Alan B. Shepard, Jr. (1923-), was a member of the first group of seven astronauts in 1959 chosen to participate in Project Mercury. He was the first American in space, piloting Mercury-Redstone 3 (*Freedom 7*) and was backup pilot for Mercury-Atlas 9. He was subsequently grounded because of an inner ear ailment until May 7, 1969 (during which time he served as chief of the Astronaut Office). Upon returning to flight status Shepard commanded Apollo 14, and in June 1971, he resumed duties as chief of the Astronaut Office. He retired from NASA and the U.S. Navy on August 1, 1974, to join the Marathon Construction Company of Houston, Texas, as partner and chairman. See Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton, *Moonshot: The Inside Story of America's Race to the Moon* (New York: Turner Publishing, Inc., 1994); The Astronauts Themselves, *We Seven* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1962).

George P. Shultz (1920-) served as director of the Office of Management and Budget after 1970, during the Nixon administration. Before that he had been Nixon's secretary of labor. During the Reagan administration, 1981-1989, Shultz served as secretary of state ("Shultz, George P(ratt)," *Current Biography Yearbook 1988*, pp. 525-30).

Albert F. Siepert (1915-) was a longtime federal employee who entered federal service in 1937 and moved from being executive officer for the National Institutes of Health to NASA in 1958. In 1959 he was NASA's chief negotiator in the transfer of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency to the space agency from his position as director of business administration, and in 1963 he moved to the deputy director position at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. In 1969 Siepert left NASA to become a program associate at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research ("Albert F. Siepert," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Milton A. Silveira (1929-) was a longtime NASA employee, who worked at the agency's Lewis Research Center, 1955-1963, and at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, 1963-1967. He also served as deputy manager of the orbiter project at the Johnson Space Center, 1967-1981; assistant to the deputy administrator at NASA, 1981-1983; and NASA chief engineer, 1983-1986.

Abe Silverstein (1908-), who earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering (1929) and an M.E. (1934) from Rose Polytechnic Institute, was a longtime NACA manager. He had worked as an engineer at the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory between 1929 and 1943 and had moved to the Lewis Laboratory (later, Research Center) in a succession of management positions, the last (1961-1970) as director of the center. Interestingly, in 1958 Case Institute of Technology had awarded him an honorary doctorate. When T. Keith Glennan arrived at NASA, Silverstein was on a rotational assignment to the Washington headquarters as director of the Office of Space Flight Development (later, Office of Space Flight Programs) from the position of associate director at Lewis, which he had held since 1952. During his first tour at Lewis he had directed investigations leading to significant improvements in reciprocating and early turbojet engines. At NASA headquarters he helped create and direct the efforts leading to the spaceflights of Project Mercury and establish the technical basis for the Apollo program. As Lewis's director he oversaw a major expansion of the center and the development of the Centaur launch vehicle. He retired from NASA in 1970 to take a position with Republic Steel Corp. On the career of Silverstein, see Virginia P. Dawson, *Engines and Innovation: Lewis Laboratory and American Propulsion Technology* (Washington, DC: NASA SP-4306, 1991), passim; "Abe Silverstein," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection.

S. Fred Singer (1924-), a physicist at the University of Maryland, proposed a Minimum Orbital Unmanned Satellite of the Earth (MOUSE) at the fourth Congress of the International Astronautics Federation in Zurich, Switzerland, in the summer of 1953. It had been based on two years of previous study conducted under the auspices of the British Interplanetary Society, which had built on the post-war research of the V-2 rocket. The Upper Atmosphere Rocket Research Panel at White Sands discussed Singer's plan in April 1954. In May Singer presented his MOUSE proposal at the Hayden Planetarium's fourth Space Travel Symposium. MOUSE was the first satellite proposal widely discussed in non-governmental engineering and scientific circles, although it never was adopted. See "Singer, S. Fred," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection. Maurice H. Stans (1908-) was a longtime Republican in Washington. He served in several positions with the Eisenhower administration, notably as deputy director of the Bureau of the Budget between 1957 and 1958 and then as its director from 1958 to 1961. In 1969 he was appointed secretary of commerce for the Nixon administration and served until 1972. He was finance director of the 1972 Nixon re-election campaign and pleaded guilty in 1975 to five misdemeanor charges of violating campaign laws ("Maurice H. Stans," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Frank Stanton (1908-) earned a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1935 and went on to become a business executive, serving most notably as president of CBS, Inc., from 1946 to 1971 and its vice chairman from 1971 to 1973.

Edward V. Stearns (1922-) was trained in physics at the University of California at Berkeley and worked in several research positions in industry and universities. He was a physicist with the Rand Corporation, 1949-1954, and assistant chief engineer with the Lockheed Missile and Space Co. after 1954.

John C. Stennis (1901-1995) (D-MS) was elected to the Senate in 1947 and served until 1989. He was a member of the Appropriations, Armed Services, and Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committees in the early 1960s. In 1988 NASA's National Space Technology Laboratories in Mississippi became the John C. Stennis Space Center in his honor ("John C. Stennis," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Ted Stevens (1923-) (D-AK) was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1968 and has served to the present.

Lewis L. Strauss (1915-1974) was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1958 to 1958 and was secretary of commerce from 1958 to 1959. He also held the rank of admiral in the U.S. Navy.

Stuart Symington (1901-1988) (D-MO) served in the Senate between 1953 and 1977. He entered government in 1945 when his fellow Missourian, Harry S. Truman, appointed him chair of the Surplus Property Board. He later served Truman as secretary of the Air Force and was an outspoken advocate of building a strong aerospace presence. As such, he repeatedly charged the Eisenhower administration with balancing the budget at the expense of national security and was one of its most vocal critics after the launch of Sputnik, predicting what proved to be a fallacious missile gap between the United States and the Soviet Union. He left the Senate in 1977 (*New York Times*, December 15, 1988, p. D26; Robert A. Divine, *The Sputnik Challenge: The U.S. Response to the Soviet Satellite* [New York: Oxford University Press, 1993], pp. 20, 43, 125, 178-183).

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Olin ("Tiger") E. Teague (1910-1981) (D-TX) was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1946 and served in each succeeding Congress through the 95th (1977-1979). He was appointed to the new Science and Astronautics Committee in the 86th Congress (1959-1961).

**Charles H. Townes** (1915-) was trained in physics at Duke University and specialized in the development of laser and maser technology. He first worked for the Bell Telephone Laboratories, and in 1948 he joined the faculty of Columbia University, leaving there in 1961 to move to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and on to the University of California. For his work on the maser, Townes received the Nobel Prize in 1964. See David E. Newton, "Charles H. Townes," in Emily J. McMurray, *et al.*, eds., *Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists* (New York: Gale Research Inc., 1995), pp. 2042-44.

Richard H. Truly (1937-) was a career naval aviator who split time between naval assignments and NASA in the 1960s. In 1965 he was selected to participate in the Air Force's Manned Orbiting Laboratory program and transferred to NASA as an astronaut in August 1969. He served as capsule communicator for all three Skylab missions in 1973 and the Apollo-Soyuz mission in 1975. He was also involved in the Space Shuttle flight test program, and he piloted *Columbia* (STS-2) in 1981 and *Challenger* (STS-8) in 1983. He became NASA's associate administrator for the Office of Space Flight on February 20, 1986, leading the effort to return to flight following the *Challenger* accident. He served as NASA administrator between 1989 and 1992, and he then became vice president and director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute, Georgia Institute of Technology, in Atlanta ("Truly, Richard H.," NASA Administrator Folders, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

H.S. Tsien (1909-) was a Chinese national who received a Ph.D. in aeronautics in 1939 from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and worked on the development of rocket technology at his alma mater through World War II. He was on the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1946 to 1949, when he returned to Caltech. In the 1950s his loyalty to democratic institutions was questioned, and he was deported from the United States to the People's Republic of China. There, he was largely responsible for the development of ICBM rocket technology, especially the "Long March" launch vehicle.

Konstantin E. Tsiolkovskiy (1857-1935) is one of the three recognized pioneers of spaceflight. A schoolteacher in Kaluga, Russia, Tsiolovskiy theorized about the flight of rockets and spacecraft, calculated many of the equations required for the successful launch of rockets, and speculated on the development of space vehicles and permanent space colonies. See Arkady Kosmodemyansky, *Konstantin Tsiolkovskiy* (Moscow, USSR: Nauka, 1985).

Nathan F. Twining (1897-1982) was a career pilot in the Army and the Air Force, commanding the 13th Air Force in the Pacific, the 15th Air Force in Europe, and then the 20th Air Force again in the Pacific during World War II. He became chief of staff of the Air Force in 1953 and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1957 to 1960 (Donald J. Mrozek, "Nathan F. Twining: New Dimensions, a New Look," in John L. Frisbee, ed., *Makers of the United States Air Force* [Washington, DC: Office of Air Force History, 1987], pp. 257-80).

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Max Valier (1893-1930) was an early advocate of the use of rockets for spaceflight. A German, he had been educated in engineering in Berlin, and as a young man in the 1920s he began experimenting with rockets with the "Verein fur Raumschiffahrt" (VfR), the Society for Spaceship Travel of which Wernher von Braun and Hermann Oberth were prominent members. He was also interested in using rockets for propelling ground vehicles, and he built a rocket-powered automobile. He died in a crash of this car in 1930 (I. Essers, *Max Valier: A Pioneer of Space Travel* [Washington, DC: NASA TT F-664, 1976]).

James A. Van Allen (1914-) was a pathbreaking astrophysicist best known for his work in magnetospheric physics. Van Allen's January 1958 Explorer I experiment established the existence of radiation belts—later named for the scientist—that encircled the Earth, representing the opening of a broad research field. Extending outward in the direction of the Sun approximately 40,000 miles, as well as stretching out with a trail away from the Sun to approximately 370,000 miles, the magnetosphere is the area dominated by Earth's strong magnetic field. See James A. Van Allen, Origins of Magnetospheric Physics (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1983); David E. Newton, "James A. Van Allen," in Emily J. McMurray, et al., eds., Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists (New York: Gale Research Inc., 1995), pp. 2070-72.

**Cyrus R. Vance** (1917-) had a long career as a senior government official in various Democratic administrations. He had been general counsel for the Department of Defense during the Kennedy administration of the early 1960s and was also secretary of the Army from 1962 to 1964. He was deputy secretary of defense from 1964 to 1967. He served as secretary of state for President Jimmy Carter in the latter half of the 1970s ("Vance, Cyrus R[oberts]," *Current Biography 1977*, pp. 408-11).

Jules Verne (1828-1905) was one of the leading writers of his time, as well as one of the founders of the literary genre of science fiction. He described in his novels the possibility of spaceflight, the use of submarines for travel beneath the ocean, and a variety of other visionary technologies that were realized in the twentieth century (I.O. Evans, *Jules Verne and His Work* [New York: Twayne, 1966]).

# W

Alan T. Waterman (1892-1967) was the first director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), from its founding in 1951 until 1963. Waterman received his Ph.D. in physics from Princeton University in 1916; he then served with the Army's Science and Research Division in World War I, on the faculty of Yale University in the interwar years, with the War Department's Office of Scientific Research and Development in World War II, and with the Office of Naval Research between 1946 and 1951. He and NASA leaders contended over control of the scientific projects to be undertaken by the space agency, with Waterman's NSF being used as an advisory body in the selection of space experiments. See "Waterman, First NSF Head, Dies at 75," *Science* 158 (8 December 1967): 1293; Norriss S. Hetherington, "Winning the Initiative: NASA and the U.S. Space Science Program," *Prologue: The Journal of the National Archives* 7 (Summer 1975): 99-108; John E. Naugle, First Among Equals: The Selection of NASA Space Science *Experiments* (Washington, DC: NASA SP-4215, 1991).

James E. Webb (1906-1992) was NASA administrator between 1961 and 1968. Previously, he had been an aide to a congressman in New Deal Washington, an aide to Washington lawyer Max O. Gardner, and a business executive with the Sperry Corporation and the Kerr-McGee Oil Co. He had also been director of the Bureau of the Budget between 1946 and 1950 and under secretary of state from 1950 to 1952 (W. Henry Lambright, *Powering Apollo: James E. Webb of NASA* [Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995]).

**R.S. Wehner** (1915-) was a research scientist with the Radio Corporation of America, 1943-1945; the Airborne Instrument Laboratory, 1945-1948; the Rand Corporation, 1948-1951; and the Hughes Aircraft Co., 1951-1959.

**Caspar W. Weinberger** (1917-), a longtime Republican government official, was a senior member of the Nixon, Ford, and Reagan administrations. For Nixon he was deputy director (1970-1972) and director (1972-1976) of the Office of Management and Budget. In this capacity, had a leading role in shaping the direction of NASA's major effort of the 1970s, the development of a reusable Space Shuttle. For Reagan he served as secretary of defense, where he also oversaw the use of the Shuttle in the early 1980s for the launching of classified Department of Defense payloads into orbit. See "Weinberger, Caspar W(illard)," *Current Biography 1973*, pp. 428-30.

**H.G. Wells** (1866-1946) was a noted futurist and one of the founders of the literary genre of science fiction. His novels described a future filled with technology, some of it terrifying, and contact with extraterrestrial beings, much of it disastrous (Lovat Dickson, H.G. Wells: His Turbulent Life [New York: Atheneum, 1969]).

Edward C. Welsh (1909-) had a long career in various private and public enterprises. He had served as legislative assistant to Senator Stuart Symington (D-MO), 1953-1961, and was the executive secretary of the National Aeronautics and Space Council through the 1960s.

Fred L. Whipple (1906-) was a University of California at Berkeley Ph.D. in astronomy who served on the faculty of Harvard University. He was involved in efforts in the early 1950s to expand public interest in the possibility of spaceflight through a series of symposia at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City and articles in *Collier's* magazine. He was also heavily involved in planning for the International Geophysical Year, 1957-1958. As a pathbreaking astronomer he pioneered research on comets. See Raymond E. Bullock, "Fred Lawrence Whipple," in Emily J. McMurray, et al., eds., Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists (New York: Gale Research Inc., 1995). pp. 2167-70.

Jerome B. Wiesner (1915-1994) was science advisor to President John F. Kennedy. He had been a faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and had served on President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committee. During the presidential campaign of 1960 Wiesner had advised Kennedy on science and technology issues and prepared a transition team report on the subject that questioned the value of human spaceflight. As Kennedy's science advisor he tussled with NASA over the lunar landing commitment and the method of conducting it. See Gregg Herken, *Cardinal Choices: Science Advice to the President from Hiroshima to SDI* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).

Walter C. Williams (1919-) earned a B.S. in aerospace engineering from Louisiana State University in 1939 and went to work for NACA in 1940, serving as a project engineer to improve the handling, maneuverability, and flight characteristics of World War II fighters. Following the war he went to what became Edwards Air Force Base to set up flight tests for the X-1, including the first human supersonic flight by Capt. Charles E. Yeager in October 1947. He became the founding director of the organization that became the Dryden Flight Research Facility. In September 1959 he assumed the associate directorship of the new NASA space task group at Langley that was created to carry out Project Mercury. He later became director of operations for the project and then associate director of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, subsequently renamed the Johnson Space Center. In 1963 Williams moved to NASA headquarters as deputy associate administrator of the Office of Manned Space Flight. From 1964 to 1975 he was a vice president for Aerospace Corporation. Then from 1975 to 1982 he served as chief engineer of NASA, retiring in 1982 ("Walter C. Williams," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

**Charles E. Wilson** (1886-1972) was an industrialist with General Electric who worked with the Office of Defense Mobilization in the 1950s.

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John F. Yardley (1925-) was an aerospace engineer who worked with the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation on several NASA human spaceflight projects from the 1950s and into the 1970s. He also served as NASA associate administrator for the Office of Space Flight between 1974 and 1981. Thereafter, he returned to McDonnell Douglas as president, 1981-1988 ("Yardley, John F.," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection).

Chuck Yeager (1923-) was the U.S. Air Force test pilot who piloted the X-1 research aircraft on the first supersonic powered flight in 1947. Thereafter, he served in several Air Force positions, retiring as a brigadier general. See Chuck Yeager, Yeager (New York: Bantam Books, 1982).

Herbert F. York (1923-) had been associated with scientific research in support of national defense since World War II. He was director of the Livermore Radiation Laboratory for the University of California before moving to the Department of Defense in March 1958 as chief scientist of the Advanced Research Projects Agency. He became the Department of Defense's director of research and engineering in December 1958 during a Department of Defense reorganization; this was the third-ranking civilian office after the secretary and deputy secretary of defense. He served as director of defense research and engineering until 1961. He then moved to the University of California at San Diego, where he was chancellor and a professor of physics. He also served as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee under both Eisenhower and Johnson and was later the chief negotiator for the comprehensive test ban during the Carter administration ("Dr. Herbert F. York," biographical file, NASA Historical Reference Collection; Herbert F. York, Making Weapons, Talking Peace: A Physicist's Odyssey from Hiroshima to Geneva [New York: Basic Books, 1987]).

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