

Mr. HARDY. Wait a minute, maybe we ought to have your job description up here to look at, but I always get myself confused in trying to understand some of the titles. I believe your title is Assistant Director for Policy Planning?

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARDY. What kind of policy do you plan? In other words, I am not being facetious now. I am trying to understand how in the world, if you are planning policy, how you can do it and be as ignorant as you profess to be with respect to Russian failures. Don't they have anything to do with your policy planning? Are you operating in a vacuum?

Dr. SIMPSON. No, sir; I am not operating in a total vacuum.

Mr. HARDY. A total vacuum?

Dr. SIMPSON. And NASA gets certain information. I assume Mr. Webb and the highest officers get the full information. I get certain parts of it.

JOB DESCRIPTION REQUESTED

Mr. HARDY. Mr. Chairman, let's get his job description up here, and see just what he does do, because you are Assistant Director for Policy Planning?

Dr. SIMPSON. Yes, sir.

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FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY—ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION AND POLICY PLANNING

1. *Purpose.*—This instruction establishes the responsibility, functions, and authority of the Assistant Administrator for Technology Utilization and Policy Planning.

2. *Organizational location.*—The Assistant Administrator for Technology Utilization and Policy Planning reports to the Administrator.

3. *Responsibility.*—The Assistant Administrator for Technology Utilization and Policy Planning is responsible for assisting in the planning and integration of agency policy; evaluating the socioeconomic impact of aeronautics and space programs; dissemination of public information, technical information, and educational materials and services; and insuring the most effective utilization of technological and scientific innovations arising from the national space program.

4. *Functions.*—The Assistant Administrator for Technology Utilization and Policy Planning will—

(a) As directed by the Administrator, anticipate, identify, and develop for general management consideration the basic questions and issues essential to policy formulation and planning.

(b) Devise techniques for determining the socioeconomic impact of the space program.

(c) Evaluate NASA accomplishments in terms of the social, political, and economic implications and the accomplishment of national goals.

(d) Develop and direct a comprehensive program of public services and information to satisfy the Agency's statutory responsibility to "provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and the results thereof."

(e) Develop and direct a program of scientific and technical information relative to the space program to meet the needs of NASA scientific and technical offices and the scientific and engineering communities generally.

(f) Develop and direct a program of educational materials and services in the area of space related disciplines.

(g) Develop and direct a program to identify and disseminate substantive or conceptual innovations arising in the course of NASA programs which are potentially applicable to the national productive effort.

(h) Represent NASA in areas that are predominantly of a social science nature.