

APPENDIX A

COMPUTER INVENTORY

NASA has adopted a two-part categorization of computers. Category A computers are general purpose in character and make up the large centralized computer service facilities at the Centers. Major management effort is directed to this category with emphasis on utilization and cost. Acquisitions are individually approved by the Deputy Administrator and operations are subject to detailed management reporting. Category B computers are special purpose in character. These computers are dedicated to a single use and are usually part of a larger system with special interface requirements included in the installation. Special purpose computers are normally purchased and acquisition is accomplished through normal program management channels. Management reporting is confined to an annual inventory. The inventories for category A and category B computers for Marshall Space Flight Center, the Manned Spacecraft Center, and Kennedy Space Center are given in tables A-I to A-VI.