

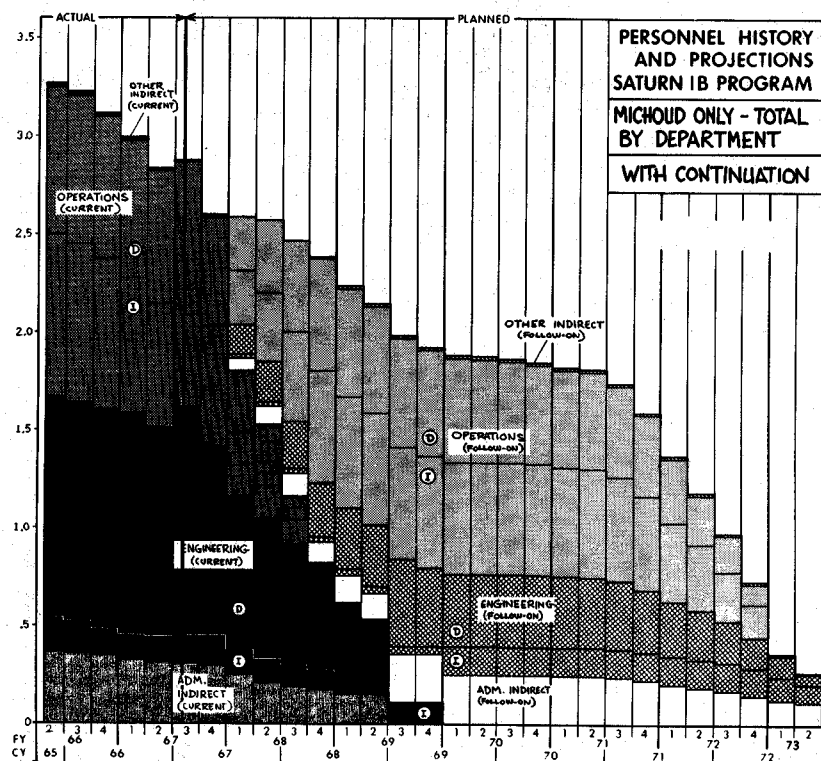


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after the available to ship date for S-IB-12, but our plan for the accomplishment of this work calls for the elimination of static fire at Huntsville. We believe that when we get 212—both we and the Government believe—we will be in a position where static firing no longer provides us with useful information. It won't be necessary. We will be able to say, truthfully, "In the last four stages we didn't learn anything."

"We could have gone directly to the launch pad." We have one checkout instead of two and, accordingly, the time required is less than the time for S-IB-12, so that from the beginning of assembly on 12 to the beginning of assembly on 13 is one year. There's a gap from beginning to beginning 4 months greater than the gap from delivery to delivery. As you went out in the plant today you saw S-IB-12 on the assembly fixture. All of the preliminary manufacturing work on that stage has been done. That work, and the people associated with it, will not start again for a full year, so that for the next 12 months our operations in the plant are on a declining basis, even if or when we get a "follow-on" program.

We are on schedule on the schedule VI work. Our initial engineering releases on that whole block—13 through 28—are about 70 percent complete as of the end of January, which is what they should be. Our material procurement is on schedule. We have one and a half-