

In the housekeeping support area, it's RCA for management services, Management Services of Knoxville for technical services, and Rust Engineering for facilities and design.

The principle of contracting used at Marshall is that all work to be performed by contractors will go out through normal competitive procurement channels except that work which cannot be sufficiently described and packaged within the time allowed for the work to be performed. It is only this latter type of work that will be performed by our support contractors. But even task assignments to support contractors are performed under full contractor management responsibility.

Mr. TEAGUE. Doctor, would you take one of those laboratories and tell us, for example, what support does Sperry Rand furnish?

Dr. VON BRAUN. Yes, maybe Dr. Haeussermann, you can help me a bit here.

Dr. HAEUSSERMANN. They give engineering support in our laboratory, manufacturing support particularly for our pilot manufacturing group, and support in various areas of scientific development. All tasks given to the contractor are clearly defined in advance.

Dr. VON BRAUN. Maybe I can say a few more words about the mode of operation. Attributes of our single-support contractor concept are the following: The office management of each laboratory directs the respective support contractor, and retains full control of dollars and manpower. The functions and task assignments of each support contractor are exactly specified. The system provides continuity

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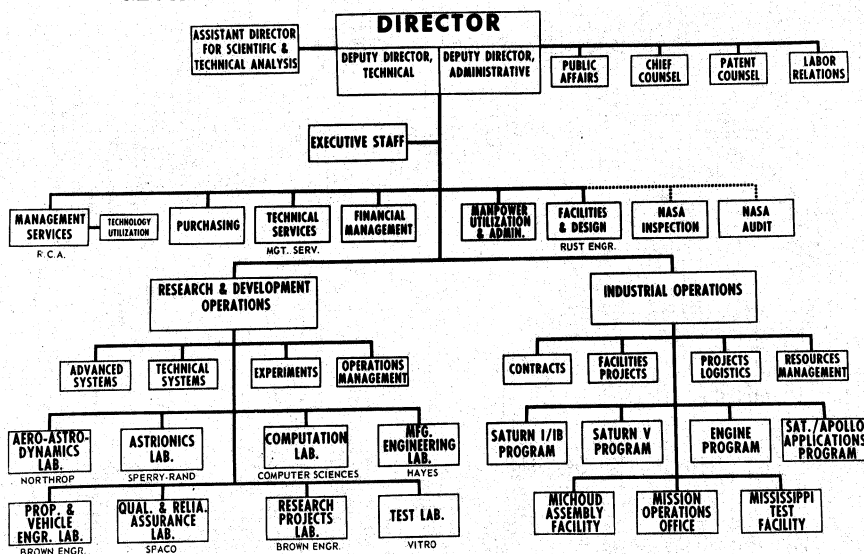


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