

MSC ORGANIZATION CHANGES SINCE THE 1966 PRESENTATION

The Medical Research and Operations Directorate was established combining the functions of the Chief of Center Medical Programs and the Center Medical Office with the biomedical research functions of the Crew Systems Division, Engineering and Development Directorate. The office of the Chief of Center Medical Programs and the Center Medical Office were abolished with this change.

The Science and Applications Directorate was established combining the functions of the Space Science Division and the Experiments Program Office, both of which were in the Engineering and Development Directorate. The Space Science Division and Experiments Program Office were abolished with this change.

The Apollo Applications Program Office was established because of the increasing level of activity in this subject matter area. This organization staffing will be timed to coincide with the Gemini Program Office phase-out.

The Special Assistant for Long Range Planning was placed on the chart within the MSC Director's immediate office. This action was taken to provide a focal point for advanced planning activities.

All of the major operating elements of the Center were changed from "Assistant Director for" to "Director of" to eliminate an element of confusion in dealings with persons outside the Center organization who feel they are dealing with an assistant of an operating element when, in fact, they are dealing with the Director of the element.

MISSION OF MANNED SPACECRAFT CENTER

The Manned Spacecraft Center has as its primary mission the development of spacecraft for Manned Space Flight programs and the conduct of manned flight operations. The Center is now carrying out major space research and exploration projects:

Apollo - A series of flight missions using an entirely new three-man spacecraft of modular concept capable of space flight in earth and lunar orbits to culminate in a manned lunar landing, using a lunar module, and return.

Apollo Applications Program - A series of flight missions using Apollo developed hardware directed at fuller development of manned flight capabilities in terms of long duration flights and extended operations in space for technological scientific and applied studies.

The Center's mission further embraces an engineering, development and operations capability to support these projects and to generate the knowledge required to advance the technology of space and manned spacecraft development. Engineering and development efforts focus on the conception and implementation of a program of applied research and development in the area of space research, space physics, life systems, and test and evaluation.