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Organization Announcement

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ADJUSTMENT TO MARSHALL ORGANIZATION, ANNOUNCEMENT #3

I have discussed the actions we intend to take with Dr. George E. Mueller and have received assurance from him to proceed. Therefore, the following actions will be taken.

Consistent with the desire to emphasize program development, we are establishing a major element to strengthen the Center role and contribution to future NASA programs. Dr. W. R. Lucas will head this organization as Director of Program Development. The Advanced Systems Office will become the initial element of this organization. The major function of the new organization will be to "harden" complete package plans for promising new programs, such as the Space Station. Dr. Lucas will assume his new duties on December 16.

The Research and Development Operations under Mr. Hermann Weidner will be changed in title to Science and Engineering, which more accurately reflects the capabilities of all the laboratories. Effective December 16, Mr. Karl Heimburg will become the Director of the P&VE Laboratory. Also we are considering combining the P&VE and Test Laboratories. Pending the final decision on the proposed combination, Mr. Bernhard Tessmann will manage the Test Laboratory in his present capacity as Deputy Director. The Space Science Lab remains an element of Science and Engineering.

Industrial Operations under Maj. Gen. O'Connor, will be changed in title to Program Management. Action is underway to combine elements of the Saturn IB and Saturn V Program Offices into a Saturn Program Office, with Mr. Lee James as Manager. Mr. James actively assumes management of these combined programs on December 9. The AAP Program Manager, Mr. Leland Belew, will expand his program organization consistent with our new assignments.

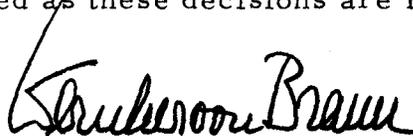
In addition, plans are proceeding for the consolidation of Center administrative functions under one major line element to be entitled Center Operations. Mr. Dave Newby will assume his new duties as Director of this organization on December 16.

In the science area I am appointing, effective Dec. 16, Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger as Associate Director for Science for the Marshall Center. In this capacity he will penetrate and review all science oriented activities of the Center to ensure that our total science program is of the highest calibre. His functions

will be to provide a dynamic interface with OSSA and the scientific community, ensure that scientific efforts within the Center are vigorously pursued, and contribute to the formulation of science related new programs.

With the organization structure now established we will proceed to further define operating modes and personnel assignments.

I will continue to keep you informed as these decisions are reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wernher von Braun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'W'.

Wernher von Braun
Director

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