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Man's centuries-old dream of exploring the moon has been accomplished. Preparations for these half-million mile round trips included agencies from virtually all 50 states and the diverse talents of more than 300,000 people in government, industry, and the educational community.

All of them were well aware of their pioneering responsibility. And no matter where the scene shifted - from NASA installations in Washington, at Huntsville, Houston, or Goddard, to facilities at Bethpage or Cape Kennedy - all shared the same objectives.

However, in contrast to the initial moon landings which tested man and equipment, we are now embarking on more scientifically oriented explorations - resulting in longer lunar stay missions. These missions will provide the opportunity for a more comprehensive scientific study of the earth-moon relationship. A study that will expand our knowledge and understanding for the benefit of all mankind.

The goal is never out of sight. On a clear night it still beckons overhead - the MOON.

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