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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1975

PRESENTATION OF ROBERT H. GODDARD
MEMORIAL TROPHY

Friday, April 11, 1975
12:30 p.m. (20 minutes)
The Oval Office

From: Jim Cannon

I. PURPOSE

To present, on behalf of the National Space Club, the Robert H. Goddard Memorial Trophy to Astronaut Gerald Carr, who will receive the award on behalf of all 9 Skylab Astronauts (listed at Tab A).

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

- . The Goddard Trophy was established in 1958 and is administered by the National Space Club. The recipient of the award is selected annually by the Board of Governors of the Club for "great achievement in advancing space-flight programs contributing to United States leadership in astronautics." Previous winners of the trophy are listed at Tab B.
- . The Goddard Trophy is the most important of 8 awards made annually at the Space Club's annual Goddard Memorial dinner (to be held Friday night at the Statler Hilton).
- . The presentation you are making will be repeated at the dinner, where the presentation will be made by Congressman Olin Teague, who received the award in 1974. Congressman Teague will also attend your presentation.
- . The National Space Club is a nontechnical group composed of people from industry, government,

educational institutions and the press which seeks to promote U.S. leadership in astronautics.

- . The Skylab Program included the unmanned Saturn Workshop which was launched on May 14, 1973, and 3 unmanned missions:
 - . 22 days -- May 25 to June 22, 1973
 - . 59 days -- July 28 to September 25, 1973
 - . 84 days -- November 16, 1973 to February 8, 1974
- . Astronaut Gerald Carr was the Commander of the third manned mission. (Biography at Tab C)

B. Participants:

- . Congressman Olin Teague
- . Astronaut Gerald Carr (Marine Colonel)
- . National Space Club President Fred E. Everett and Vice Presidents John Frank and William S. Dempsey
- . NASA Administrator James Fletcher and Associate Administrator J.L. Yardley
- . Guest: Mrs. Gerald Carr
- . White House: Jim Cannon
- . Staff: Mike Duval

C. Press Plan: White House Photographer and Press Photo Opportunity

III. TALKING POINTS

- . In making the presentation, you are asked to read the citation at Tab D.
- . The Skylab program (a) demonstrated beyond question man's ability to survive and work in space for long periods, (b) yielded new information about the earth's resources, (c) provided new information about the sun's dynamics, and (d) provided other new scientific information from a large number of experiments in space.
- . Despite strong budgetary pressures, we are maintaining a strong U.S. space program. My 1976 budget requests \$3.5 billion for NASA -- a 9% increase over 1975.
- . I was pleased to receive Jim Fletcher's report this week that the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project (ASTP) is proceeding on schedule for the July 15th launch, that the cooperation between the U.S. and USSR teams has been excellent, and that we are expecting significant accomplishments from the joint mission.

TAB A

SKYLAB CREWS

- . FIRST MANNED MISSION (May 25 to June 22, 1973 -- 22 days)
 - Commander - Charles Conrad, Jr.
 - Science Pilot - Joseph P. Kerwin
 - Pilot - Paul J. Weitz

- . SECOND MANNED MISSION (July 28 to September 25, 1973 -- 59 1/2 days)
 - Commander - Alan L. Bean
 - Science Pilot - Owen K. Garriott
 - Pilot - Jack Lousma

- . THIRD MISSION (November 16, 1973 to February 7, 1974 -- 84 days)
 - Commander - Gerald P. Carr
 - Science Pilot - Edward G. Gibson
 - Pilot - William R. Pogue

TAB B

Goddard Trophy

Recipients of the Robert H. Goddard Trophy

- 1958 - Dr. Wernher von Braun, Director, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA
- 1959 - S.K. Hoffman, President of Rocketdyne
- 1960 - Karel J. Bassart, General Dynamics/Astronautics
- 1961 - Lockheed Missiles and Space Company
- 1962 - Dr. Robert R. Gilruth, Director, Manned Spacecraft Center, NASA
- 1963 - Lt. Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr., USMC
- 1964 - Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, Deputy Administrator, NASA
- 1965 - Dr. William H. Pickering, Director, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- 1966 - The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States
- 1967 - The Honorable George P. Miller, Chairman, Committee on Science and Astronautics, U.S. House of Representatives
- 1968 - Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr., Associate Administrator; NASA
- 1969 - The Apollo 8 Astronauts: Colonel Frank Borman, USAF; Captain James A. Lovell, Jr., USN; Lt. Colonel William A. Anders, USAF
- 1970 - The Apollo 11 Astronauts; Neil A. Armstrong; Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., USAF; Colonel Michael Collins, USAF
- 1971 - James E. Webb, Former Administrator, NASA
- 1972 - The Honorable Clinton Anderson, Former Senator from New Mexico
- 1973 - George M. Low, Deputy Administrator of NASA
- 1974 - Olin Teague, Congressman from Texas

TAB C

NASA ASTRONAUT GERALD P. CARR - COLONEL, USMC

- . Born in Denver, Colorado on August 22, 1932, and raised in Santa Ana, California, which he considers his hometown.
- . Graduated from Santa Ana High School; received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Southern California in 1954 and in Aeronautical Engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1961, and a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Princeton University in 1962.
- . Began his military career in 1949 with the Navy, and in 1950 he was appointed a midshipman (NROTC) and enrolled in the University of Southern California. Upon graduation in 1954, he received his commission. He received his flight training at Pensacola, Florida, and Kingsville, Texas. After postgraduate training, he served with Marine All-Weather-Fighter-Squadron 122 from 1962 to 1965 piloting the F-8 Crusader in the United States and the Far East.
- . Colonel Carr is one of the 19 astronauts selected by NASA in April 1966. He served as a member of the astronaut support crews and was involved in the development and testing of the lunar roving vehicle which was used on the lunar surface by Apollo flight crews.

He was commander of the third manned visit to the Skylab orbital workshop, launched November 16, 1973, and concluded February 8, 1974. This was the longest manned flight (84 days 1 hour 15 minutes) in the history of manned space exploration to date. Colonel Carr and his Skylab 4 teammates share the world record for individual time in space: 2017 hours 15 minutes 32 seconds, and Carr logged 15 hours and 48 minutes in three EVAs outside the orbital workshop.
- . Married to the former JoAnn Ruth Petrie of Santa Ana, California.
- . Six children: Jennifer (age 19), Jamee and Jeffrey (age 17), John (age 13), and Jessica and Joshua (age 11).

TAB D

CITATION

"The Robert H. Goddard Memorial Trophy is presented to the 9 Skylab Astronauts for their exceptional accomplishments in the Skylab program. They demonstrated that man can live and work in space for an extended period. They established beyond question the preeminence of the United States in space exploration."