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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Archie R. Beckett

ORAL HISTORY: 21 January 2003

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, 1951

PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:

Mechanical Design Engineer, Phillipps 66, Borger, TX and Bartlesville, OK (1951-1956)

Maintenance Engineer, Phillipps 66, Etter, TX (1956-1957)

Market Development, Phillipps 66, Pasadena, CA (1957-1959)

Mechanical Engineer, Television Division, White Sands Missile Range, White Sands, NM (1959-1962)

Climatic Engineer, White Sands Missile Range, White Sands, NM (1962-1964)

NASA EXPERIENCE:

NASA White Sands Test Facility, Las Cruces, NM (1964-1978)

- Head, Ground Support Equipment and Mechanical Systems Branch (1964-1969)
- Technical Manager, LTV Contract (1969-1970)
- Head of Mechanical and Facilities Branch (1970-1976)
- Shuttle Site Activation Manager (1976-78)

POST-NASA EXPERIENCE:

Homebuilder, Las Cruces, NM (1978-1982)

Engineering Consultant for Lockheed, Boeing, and Allied Signal (1982-1998)

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- NASA Superior Achievement Award, 1969
- JSC Certificate of Commendation, 1977
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1978

SELECT PUBLICATIONS & PATENTS:

“Air Conditioning and Collective Protection System for Nike-Hercules Low-Temperature Tests,” NASA-62N11458 (Las Cruces: White Sands Missile Range, 1962).

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