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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Larry Edwin Bell

ORAL HISTORY: 26 June 2001

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, 1958
NASA Management Development Program, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 1972-73

PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:

Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha and Lincoln, NE

- Propellant Loading System Engineer (1958-1962)

NASA EXPERIENCE:

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC), Houston, TX (1962-1994)

- Manager, Environmental Control Systems, Gemini Support Office/Crew Systems Division, Engineering and Development Directorate (1962-1966)
- Head, Gemini Support Office, Crew Systems Division (1966)
- Branch Chief, Extravehicular Equipment Development Branch, Crew Systems Division (1966-1970)
- Special Assistant to the Division Chief for Skylab, Crew Systems Division (1970-1973)
- Acting-Deputy Director of Life Sciences (1976-1977)
- Manager, Systems Evaluation Office, Engineering and Development Directorate (1977-1978)
- Manager, Payload Support, Engineering and Development Directorate (1978-1982)
- Manager, Cargo Engineering Office, Space Transportation System Program Office (1982-1994)

POST-NASA EXPERIENCE:

Unknown

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Member of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- MSC Group Achievement Award as Project Manager Engineer on Gemini VI Extravehicular Activity (EVA) Development Team
- MSC Group Achievement Award as member of Gemini Team
- NASA Superior Achievement Award (1973)
- Victor A. Prather Award by the American Astronautical Society (1977)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

Bell, Larry, with Dr. George B. Smith, and Harold J. McMann, "Bioengineering Experiment in the SAM Space Simulator." Presented at the American Rocketry Society Meeting 13-16 November 1962.

Frost, Robert L., James W. Thompson and Larry E. Bell. "Environmental Control," in Gemini Midprogram Conference: Including Experiment Result. Washington D.C.: NASA, 1966.

Machell, Reginald M., Larry E. Bell, Norman P. Shyken, James W. Prim. "Summary of Gemini Extravehicular Activity," in Gemini Summary Conference, Houston, Texas, February 1-2, 1967, by NASA, 127-146. Washington D.C.: NASA, 1967.

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Larry E. Bell Service Record Card, Larry E. Bell Personnel File, Human Resources Office, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

Larry E. Bell NASA Biographical Data Sheet (March 1988), Larry E. Bell Biographical File, Public Affairs Office, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

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