

NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: William R. Kelly

ORAL HISTORY: 5 February 2002

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Industrial Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, 1953

M.B.A. Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio 1964

PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:

United States Navy, Miramar Naval Air Station, Miramar, California

Naval Aviator, VF-54 (Fighter Squadron 54) (1953-1956)

General Electric, Cincinnati, Ohio

Evaluation Test Engineer, J79 Turbojet Controls and Accessories (1956-1960)

Evaluation Test Engineer, J79 Turbojet Control Systems Simulated Operational Tests (1960-1961)

Systems Engineer, Jet Engines (1961-1962)

NASA EXPERIENCE:

Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas

Technical Editor, Mercury Mission Documentation, Mercury Program Office (1962-1963)

Assistant to the Chief, Command and Service Module Contract Engineering Branch, Program Control Division, Apollo Spacecraft Program Office (ASPO) (1963-1966)

Chief, Spacecraft Support Systems Contract Engineering Branch, Program Control Division, ASPO (1966-1970)

Chief, Institutional Resources and Procurement Division (1970-1971)

Assistant Director for Procurement, Administration and Program Support Directorate (1971-1972)

Special Assistant for Management, Office of the Director (1972-1981)

Director of Administration and Program Support (1981-1983)

Director of Center Support (1983-1986)

Director, Administration (1986-1993)

Retired (1993)

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Member, National Contract Management Association
- Member, National Management Association
- Member, Houston Federal Executive Board

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- MSC Group Achievement Award (5), 1963-1974

- Apollo Achievement Award, 1969
- MSC Outstanding Performance Rating, 1969
- MSC Superior Achievement Award, 1969
- MSC Superior Achievement Award, 1971
- JSC Certificate of Commendation, 1972 (?)
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1973
- NASA Equal Employment Opportunity Medal, 1978
- JSC Special Achievement Award, 1979
- NASA Equal Employment Opportunity Trophy Award, 1982
- NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, 1988
- Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, 1990
- NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, 1993
- Houston Federal Executive Board, Federal Executive of the Year, 1993

REFERENCES:

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“Nomination Form for Federal Executive of the Year” (1993), William R. Kelly Key Personnel File, Awards Office, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

“Nomination Form for Most Outstanding Administration and Management” (1974), William R. Kelly Key Personnel File, Awards Office, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

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