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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: John E. McLeaish

ORAL HISTORY: 15 November 2001

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.A. in Journalism, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 1955

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: United States Air Force (1952-1959)

PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:

Publishing Company, Dallas, TX (1959-1961)

Information Specialist, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, TX (1961-1962)

NASA INVOLVEMENT:

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX

Public Information Specialist, Public Affairs Office (1962-1964)

Public Information Specialist, Public Affairs Office

News Bureau Branch (1964)

News Services Branch (1965-1967)

Public Information Branch (1967-1968)

Public Affairs Office/Office of Public Affairs

Chief, Public Information Branch (1968-1969)

Chief, Public Information Office (1969-1977)

Chief, Public Information Branch (1977-1984)

POST-NASA EXPERIENCE:

Series Advisor for children's space and astronaut books

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- Presidential Medal of Freedom
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal, 1974
- Twenty-five year Service Award, 1979

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

McLeaish, John E. "LM Pilot Charles M. Duke Hospitalized." MSC 72-02. 4 January 1972. Public Affairs Office, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

McLeaish wrote many press releases while he worked at the Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center. See research folder.

SOURCES:

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