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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Richard Harrison Truly

ORAL HISTORY: 16 June 2003

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, 1959

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Admiral, United States Navy (retired)

PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:

United States Navy, Fighter Squadron 33 (VF-33)

Naval Aviator (Fighter Pilot) (1960-1963)

United States Air Force, Aerospace Research Pilot School, Edwards AFB, California

Student (1963-1964)

Instructor (1964-1965)

United States Air Force, Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program

Astronaut (1965-1969)

NASA INVOLVEMENT:

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

Astronaut (1969-1983)

NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC

Associate Administrator for Space Flight (1986-1989)

Administrator (1989-1992)

POST-NASA EXPERIENCE:

United States Navy, Space Command, Dahlgren, Virginia

Chief (1983-1986)

Georgia Tech Research Institute, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia

Vice President and Director (1992-1997)

United States Department of Energy, Midwest Research Institute, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado

Director (1997-Present)

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

Member, Board of Visitors (2000)

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- NASA Distinguished Service Medal (2)
- NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal (2)
- NASA Space Flight Medal (2)
- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Legion of Merit (2)
- United States Navy, Distinguished Flying Cross
- United States Navy, Meritorious Service Medal
- American Astronautical Society (AAS), Flight Achievement Award, 1977
- United States Air Force Association, David C. Schilling Award, 1978
- Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP), Ivan C. Kinchloe Award, 1978
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Haley Space Flight Award, 1980
- Ligue Internationale des Aviateurs, Harmon International Trophy, 1982
- National Geographic Society, Thomas D. White USAF Space Trophy, 1982
- National Aeronautic Association, Robert J. Collier Trophy, 1982, 1989
- National Space Club, Robert H. Goddard Memorial Trophy, 1982, 1989
- Federation Aeronautique Internationale, Gold Space Medal, 1984
- SETP James H. Doolittle Award, 1988
- Presidential Citizen's Medal, 1989
- AAS, John F. Kennedy Astronautics Award, 1990
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Aviation and Space Gold Medal, 1991
- Inducted into Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, 1995
- Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished Eagle Scout Award
- Daughters of the American Revolution, Medal of Honor
- Sons of the American Revolution, Gold Good Citizenship Award
- Sons of the American Revolution, Silver Good Citizenship Award
- Honorary Doctorate of Science, Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
- Honorary Doctorate of Engineering, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey

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