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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: John E. "Jack" Riley

ORAL HISTORY: 9 October 2002

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Journalism, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1950

PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:

U.S. Navy (1942-1946)

Reporter and Copy Editor, Kansas City Kansan, Kansas City, Kansas (1950-1957)

Reporter, Cincinnati Times Star, Cincinnati, Ohio (1957)

City Editor, Kansas City Kansan, Kansas City, Kansas (1957-1959)

Executive Editor, Independence Examiner, Independence, Missouri (1959-1961)

Public Relations Representative, General Dynamics/Astronautics, Atlas Base Activation, Schilling Air Force Base, Salina, Kansas (1961-1962)

Public Relations Representative, General Dynamics/Astronautics, San Diego, California (1962-1963)

NASA INVOLVEMENT:

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

Public Information Specialist, West Coast Public Affairs Office, Downey, California (1963)

Public Information Specialist, Public Affairs Office

Industrial Communications Branch (1963)

News Services Branch (1963-1967)

Public Information Branch (1967-1969)

Public Information Office (1969-1977)

Office of Public Affairs

Executive Assistant (1977-1981)

Deputy Chief, Media Services Branch (1981-1987)

Chief, Media Services Branch (1987-1992)

POST-NASA EXPERIENCE:

Unknown

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- JSC Superior Achievement Award, 1973
- NASA Exception Service Medal, 1975

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

Riley, Jack. "Tarzan's Jungle Fake, Pilots Learn in Panama." Roundup (NASA Johnson Space Center), 23 June 1967, 8.

Riley, John E. "NASA to Interview Astronaut Applicants." JSC 77-42, n.d., Public Affairs Office, NASA Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

Riley wrote many press releases and articles for the Roundup while he worked at the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center. See research folder.

SOURCES:

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"Center Employees Receive Awards," Roundup (NASA Johnson Space Center), 21 December 1973, 1, 2.

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