

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : See Distribution

DATE: August 7, 1969

FROM : AA/Director

SUBJECT: MSC Participation in City of Houston Parade and Astrodome Celebration  
Honoring NASA-MS

The Mayor of the City of Houston has proclaimed Saturday, August 16, 1969, as NASA Day in honor of the successful Apollo mission and the attainment of our National goal. For this day, the Mayor and his staff have planned the largest parade in Houston's history to begin at 10:00 a.m., and a celebration in the Astrodome at 7:00 p.m. The motorcade will include the Apollo 11 crew, the astronaut corps, and NASA officials.

The City estimates upwards of a half a million persons along the parade route and over 45,000 persons, most of them MSC employees and contractors and their families, at the Astrodome celebration. I hope that all of our MSC personnel will participate to the fullest extent possible, both at the Astrodome celebration and in the parade.

Reviewing stand guests will include the Governor of Texas, Texas delegation to Congress, other Federal, State, and local officials. MSC senior staff members invited to be present at the reviewing stand are:

Mr. George S. Trimble  
Mr. Wesley Hjernevik  
Mr. Richard S. Johnston  
Mr. Robert F. Thompson  
Mr. Philip H. Whitbeck  
Mr. Dave W. Lang  
Dr. Wilmot N. Hess  
Mr. Martin L. Raines  
Dr. John D. Hodge

A limousine will depart Building 2 at 8:30 a.m., August 16, 1969, and proceed directly to the reviewing stand.



MSC participants in the parade motorcade are:

Dr. Thomas O. Paine  
Dr. Robert R. Gilruth

Dr. George Mueller  
Lt. General Samuel Phillips

Dr. Wernher von Braun  
Dr. Kurt Debus

Dr. George Low  
Dr. Maxime Faget

Dr. Christopher Kraft  
Dr. Charles Berry

Mr. Clifford Charlesworth  
Mr. Glynn Lunney

Mr. Eugene Kranz  
Mr. Stephen Bales

The Apollo 11 crew  
The Apollo 12 crew  
All Astronauts

Buses will be in front of Building 2 at 8:30 a. m. to transport the above group directly to the Coliseum where convertible automobiles will be waiting.

It is expected that the parade will be 2-1/2 hours long and will cover a route of 26 blocks.

Tickets for the Astrodome event are expected to be delivered to each directorate by Monday, August 11, 1969, for distribution to each employee and his family.

It is important that all of you participate as indicated, if at all possible.

Please R. S. V. P. by noon on Tuesday, August 12, to extension 4241 or 3366.



Robert R. Gilruth

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