



NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
MANNED SPACECRAFT CENTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77058

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CA

March 9, 1973

Dear Bill:

With the successful flight of Apollo 17 we have completed a significant phase of the manned spaceflight program. Each member of the Flight Crew Operations Directorate made an outstanding contribution to our goals in space, whether through direct involvement with the Apollo missions or in support of our responsibilities in other areas. Your part in the overall team effort is greatly appreciated by me and the Apollo management team.

Apollo 17 has been described both as an "end" and a "beginning" in space exploration. I believe the Apollo 17 patch has special significance in expressing both views and would like you to have this patch as a token of appreciation on behalf of all of the Apollo astronauts and our management team.

Sincerely,

Donald K. Slayton
Director of Flight Crew Operations

Enclosure