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ON JULY 1, 1965, DR. G. RAYNOR THOMPSON OF the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command began a six-month detail to NASA Headquarters for preparation of a history of NASA Comsat development. Please coordinate all matters of relevance with Dr. Thompson at extension 13-37344.

THE NASA SUMMER SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS are putting the final touches on their historical projects. These include:

Jay Casper: Functional Management in NASA (HHN-53)
Richard Smoke: NASA-DOE Relationships (classified) (HHN-52)
Michael Chris: Establishment of NASA's Manned Tracking Network (HHN-54)

In addition, Robert Holcomb is completing his summer with the Historian at GSFC; Joanne Drake is reorganizing the Historical Archives at Headquarters.

Two compilations of historical interest are the "Statements of Lyndon B. Johnson on Space Exploration" (HHN-34) prepared during the summer by Gina Hermann, and "Statements of Hubert H. Humphrey on Space Exploration" (HHN-51), prepared during the summer by Peter Seaborg, both in the Headquarters Historical Office. These are not for release.

OPERATION CLEANUP is proceeding. The NASA Historical Office is ~~receiving~~ receiving chronological files from Headquarters offices that are discarding old or duplicative records. All historians are again reminded of the critical importance of staying on top of Operation Cleanup in their respective areas.

A BOOK BY CONSTANCE McLAUGHLIN GREEN was recently published. The book: The Rise of Urban America, New York: Harper & Row, \$4.95, 208 pp. Dr. Green, with Professor I. B. Holley, is preparing a history of Project Vanguard on NASA contract.

THIS NEW OCEAN: A HISTORY OF PROJECT MERCURY, by MSC Historian and contract authors, has been prepared in comment edition and distributed to key persons for critical comment. Since the deadline for return of comment is September 1, all historians are asked

to complete their comment promptly and to follow up on other copies in their area.

THE HISTORY OF ROCKET TECHNOLOGY (Eugene M. Emme, ed.) has been cited, with reprinting of Frank Malina's JPL essay, in:

Spaceflight (BIS), Vol. VI, No. 5 and 6.

Letector-Kosmonautika (Czech), No. 3, 4, and 5.

Revue Francaise d'Astronautique (French), No. 1965-2
(appeared during Paris Air Show)

AFTER THREE YEARS of capable service to the Headquarters Historical Office (and, incidentally, to many of the Centers' historians and monitors), Sally Corbett has departed for Goddard College in Vermont. Sally's duties will be assumed by Barbara Gillern, who comes aboard September 13.

AMES RESEARCH CENTER (historical monitor, Manley Hood) is letting a contract for a history of the Center. The contract author, Edwin P. Hartman, will draft the 25-year history of Ames from its beginnings (1938-39) to the present.

~~SATURN ILLUSTRATED~~ CHRONOLOGY, revised and updated by the MSFC Historical Office, has been distributed. Mrs. Evelyn Falkowski of the MSFC staff was responsible for the preparation of this edition.

A MOVE ACROSS TOWN is imminent. After some time in October, the Headquarters staff will be located in the Reporters Building, adjacent to FOB-10B. As far as we know, the current mailing address will still reach us.

ALL HISTORIANS AND MONITORS are urged to send items of mutual interest for inclusion in the Newsletter. Send them to the NASA Historical Office, APPH, Attention: Mrs. Helen T. Wells.