

Re: Superb article about James Webb (with assistance by the HQ Library & History Archivists)

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Thanks!

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&sdata=6xjJEDGe3lhOgGFJabggoH4wxCC+7+SPgfzOuO5PFhY=&reserved=0>” served a stint at HQ a few years back. During that time, one of his research projects was into whether James Webb was a homophobe responsible for the “Lavender Scare” of the State Department during his tenure in the 1950s as Under Secretary of State. This had become a topic of debate over the last 5 years. Both the History Office archivists and the HQ library assisted him with his research (and he mentions both in the article). He recently published his research: “Was NASA’s Historic Leader James Webb a Bigot?” <https://hmlouseyi.medium.com/was-nasas-historic-leader-james-webb-a-bigot-131c821d5f12> <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://hmlouseyi.medium.com/was-nasas-historic-leader-james-webb-a-bigot-131c821d5f12&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|09b4eebedd0c42f09a3b08d8c14d5fc3|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|637471885341486719|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=Dx8PKjEQo/a5dB7ownkR1SsHjzFwY2A8//RCJjrx8Ao=&reserved=0>>

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“The least questioned assumptions are often the most questionable.”

Paul Broca

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Webb naming

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Webb naming

Hi Paul,

I hope 2021 is finding you better than 2020! I am sure you are very busy with the change of administration, but I wanted to reach out because there is a blog post circulating by Hakeem Oluseyi (who I believe you know) that I think may end up on your radar (if it has not already). The very short version is that his blog attempts to exonerate James Webb's record on the Lavender Scare. I have written a response that collects the issues with his argument (which is ahistorical, and contains a personal attack on another astronomer), which I am sending to you so that you will have an alternative perspective handy if it comes up.

I think we would all like to lay the issues around JWST's naming to rest, albeit in different ways-- but of the many things that bother me about Hakeem's argument, perhaps the worst is that it is clearly designed to appeal to people who would like to do so by rewriting history, and I've seen several astronomers who should know better say they now consider the matter settled. It is not settled. Again, I'm sorry to trouble you with this during a busy time, but I was also sorry to spend part of my day yesterday responding to the post, since I have other things to do as well.

Without further ado: <https://notnotrocketscience.substack.com/p/the-straight-are-here-to-save-us>
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Wishing you well in the changeover of the new administration, and a productive year in space for NASA overall,

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We've been tracking this for a few days now.

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Thanks Holly.

I expected that any primary sources would be elsewhere considering how long before Webb came to NASA the activities in question took place but wanted to check.

My question was prompted by the following article

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and at least one astronomical community member reaction to it

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This piece contains some links back to the Truman library source.

Best Regards,

Eric

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Subject: RE: James E Webb historical question

Hi Eric,

I'm not aware of any primary source materials relating to Webb during his time at the State Department and I doubt that any of our center archives would have those as they are very much out of scope for our collections. I would recommend that you could reach out to the Truman Library that has a large collection of Webb's Personal Papers <https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/library/personal-papers/james-e-webb-papers#admin>
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. Additionally, the State Department Library might have some insights on this subject or can point you in the right direction library@state.gov (I don't believe that they are open to the public, so you may need to be clear about requesting information for official NASA use).

I'm interested to know what you find and good luck.

Very Best,

Holly

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Subject: Re: James E Webb historical question

Hi Eric,

I'm familiar with the topic but am not sure what we would have on that. I'm also looping in our acting chief archivist, Holly McIntyre. Back to you soon.

Brian

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Subject: James E Webb historical question

Hi Brian,

There's been recent social media discussions about actions that NASA Administrator James Webb was involved in when he was the Undersecretary of State in the early 1950's. Specifically, they concern his involvement in the "Lavender Scare" that was occurring at the same time as McCarthy's Red Scare. I was wondering if the NASA libraries contained any relevant documentation about this period of Webb's life (other than Henry Lambricht's "Powering Apollo" book which doesn't mention any of this if I recall correctly).

If we don't have anything would you have contacts at State that might help shed some light on this period?

Thanks,

Eric

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Revised APAC agenda topics - for discussion today - attached

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All,

I have included Chick's suggestions (highlighted in yellow) in the attached.

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Thanks Hashima ...

The tentative topical agenda looks reasonable.

Conversations with the committee also have lead to consideration of the following additional topics

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Look forward to speaking with you shortly.

On Mon, Feb 1, 2021 at 7:37 AM Hasan, Hashima (HQ-DH000) <hhasan@nasa.gov> wrote:

Dear Paul, Chick, Kelly,

I have attached suggested topics for our discussion this morning for the APAC agenda. I have received no suggestions from APAC members or APD scientists/PE's. The suggested topics are based on previous agendas and APAC recommendations from October 2020, which I have included at the bottom of the document.

Look forward to seeing you.

Hashima

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Hi Hashima, Paul,

I'd like to respond to Chick on the Lavender scare issue. We are actively researching this, but my interactions with the NASA chief historian indicate that the document trail we need would actually be at the state dept if it exists (I'm working with their librarian) or the Truman presidential library. All this happened long before Webb was at NASA.

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Certainly happy to send the matter to Hashima for forwarding to Chick and the committee.

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RE: James E. Webb controversy

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Brittany,

Thanks for flagging the tweet and bringing this discussion back to our inboxes. I'm adding Brian Odom here, as I think we had discussed our first step to understand what our research has told us about James Webb.

Tabatha

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Perhaps we should meet soon (re: JWST).

Thank you!

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Brittany Brown

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Thanks, Brittany. I share your concerns and you definitely are not overstepping, from my perspective. I had a separate

conversation with Grey about this, and he had suggested a similar approach. I think Allard suggested including Brian Odom in the discussion to see how the history office could provide historical context. From the conversation with Grey, I also think Dr. Zurbuchen may be prepared for a discussion, but we should approach that conversation with our guidance/options ready.

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Subject: RE: James E. Webb controversy

Good evening everyone,

This topic came up in our digital diversity working group earlier today.

The team shared some recent posts and blogs related to this topic, including:

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I really do not know how to address it...

In the upcoming weeks, can we pull together a core group to do some SWOT analysis and discuss how we best

address this from a comms perspective? This planning may be already underway, but I just wanted to throw out the idea of setting aside to talk about it so we can be better positioned to address head on.

I hope I'm not overstepping my bounds here! Just trying to think about what's best for the agency J

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Brittany Brown

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Subject: Re: James E. Webb controversy

Hello, these are the talking point bullets we have used:

- NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator James E. Webb, who helped establish the Apollo program that landed humans on the Moon and who is responsible for NASA retaining an active science program.
- Science is a critical part of our work to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

We'll have to consider working on a statement that would then need to be approved by Thomas.

Thanks,

Natasha

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Hi Tabatha, unfortunately I do not have such a statement or RTQs in my records either. Natasha, do you?

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Thanks, Liz. I recall Felicia had a statement and RTQs on this topic. I just did a search of her archive and couldn't find them with the search terms I had. Do you have them in your files? Thanks.

Tabatha

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Subject: James E. Webb controversy

Hi everyone, I just wanted you to be aware that there is a lot of discussion right now on social media about James E. Webb the person.

Background: The Wikipedia page for James Webb had stated that Mr. Webb was homophobic and was responsible for discriminatory practices including at the Dept of State.

Now: An astronomer Hakeem Oluseyi, who was at one time a NASA IPA, has published his own investigation into the issue on Medium <https://hمولuseyi.medium.com/was-nasas-historic-leader-james-webb-a-bigot-131c821d5f12>
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and concludes there is no evidence that James Webb was homophobic or made homophobic decisions while at Dept of State. The author actually argues that Mr. Webb did positive things for diversity and inclusion in the federal government.

It appears the controversial part has been deleted from the Wikipedia page since this article was published. However, while this has generated positive sentiment among some people, other astronomers and historians are countering this narrative on Twitter and saying Mr. Webb was still responsible for discrimination, and believe the telescope should be renamed.

I just wanted you to be aware that there is a lot of dialogue in the astrophysics community about this on Twitter, and that we may get inquiries.

Regards,

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RE: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy

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Didn't think so when O'Keefe made the original call way-back-when.

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Answer to that one is a resounding no.

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Thanks Brian, we've tried to stay as high as possible. James Webb will be "the next person up" and we'll see what seems appropriate. We've tried to balance the contributions to the actions. Through the 2021 prism, there aren't a lot of leadership who could stand up to the cultural scrutiny. I think the issue will be if he took a lot of steps to do harm to

the group outside of what were the culturally accepted norms of the time.

Anyway, insights greatly appreciated. And happy to help pull together statement, et al.

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I'm familiar with Webb's background on this one and would be happy to talk. From the start, I will say there is no clear answer that will distance Webb from claims of homophobia. I certainly wouldn't argue that he was a crusader against LGBTQ, but, you can't argue that he did not facilitate that process as well. During the mid-20th century, and really into the late 1960s/early 1970s, member of the LGBTQ community were placed in the same category as communists by organizations like the US House Un-American Activities Committee founded during Truman's presidency (more on that here: <https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/education/presidential-inquiries/house-un-american-activities-committee> <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/education/presidential-inquiries/house-un-american-activities-committee&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|9785215124e245a5803f08d8dcd5b634|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637502157735051933|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjE1aWwILCJXVCi6Mn0=>|1000&sdata=j4U9e7RfvpjgkPOODS98eIC8QU+WPrF9uCPCGIKrt0=&reserved=0>). This process reached a frightening crescendo with McCarthy's Red Scare hearings (1950-54).

Because Webb worked in positions within the Bureau of Budget and State Department, he would have been involved in implementing policy related to this larger process. (here's a good, brief bio on web on our site: <https://history.nasa.gov/Biographies/webb.html>). Once President Kennedy selected Webb to serve as NASA Administrator in February 1961, he was instrumental in working to implement the President's policies related to Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 10925) at NASA. As the head of an agency, Webb sat on the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. He even pressed field centers to do more and set the standard for affirmative action in equal employment—going so far as to imply to the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce in October 1964 that he would move Marshall to New Orleans if they couldn't do better in terms of race relations and EEO. However, I don't think saying, "yeah, he is implicated in the Lavender Scare [persecution of LGBTQs in the federal gov't during this period] (he is), but he really was a champion of civil rights (he was)."

Recommendation: Don't change the name at this point. Stop naming things after people [he says half joking].

Happy to look deeper into it or discuss as needed.

Brian

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Thanks for flagging. I agree with Allard – let's ask Brian to assess where truth lies. There are always at least 2 versions to every story and truth generally lies somewhere in the middle.

Worth a discussion if Brian can look into the history for truth (data is our friend) and then we take the appropriate steps and work the appropriate messaging.

Johnny

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Morning, courtesy of Brittany... just flagging this ongoing online controversy about the Webb telescope name. Below is the latest tweet on it, and the email chain below has additional background:

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Subject: Re: James E. Webb controversy

Thanks, Brittany. This morning, Dr. Smith mentioned that he may be close to finalizing research on this topic.

Natasha


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Paul,

I agree with all your points, hence the Agency needs to think about a potential plan B (whatever that might be).

Greg

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Subject: RE: Just FYI

Greg and Eric –

I predict that a full examination of the facts will leave us where we are now, in the middle. Webb was neither a monster nor was he a saint. Rather he was a bureaucrat subject to the ethos of the day.

We should begin discussing what is the right thing to do if Eric finds no smoking gun, one way or the other.

Paul

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All,

Eric Smith, JWST Program Senior Scientist is leading this effort for the Program. As you could imagine, finding information on James Webb prior to NASA Administrator is not so easy. The NASA History Office has no relevant information, hence Eric has made contact with the State Dept, and others to help with the research.

He and I talked this morning about scheduling a status briefing to this email distribution in a couple weeks.

Thanks,

Greg

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Thanks Thomas, let's gather all the info and once we have it, we can schedule a time to discuss.

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Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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Friends - just FYI. We have been watching this and Greg is talking to the NASA historian to make the data more data rich.

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Best,

Thomas

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Sent: March 1, 2021 12:57:04 PM EST
Received: March 1, 2021 12:57:06 PM EST

Hi,

Having read the Lavender Scare book I would tend to agree with Paul. Webb was a small part in essentially a national frenzy that saw the partys pitted against one another similarly to today. Even though his position at State was an important one it would not have been within his power to 'fix' the wrongs that were being done to federal employees then. The drive was from Congress. This is definitely a situation that is not as simple as "Webb did bad things or Webb did good things".

I have enlisted **b6** to assist in further gathering and assessing material. She is a historian (and **b6** **b6**)

Eric

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Sent: March 2, 2021 1:48:34 PM EST
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My thoughts exactly

From: Saunders, Melanie (HQ-AA000) <melanie.saunders-1@nasa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Cabana, Robert D. {KSC-Center-Director} (KSC-AA000) <robert.d.cabana@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Question

Just the fact that it said that and the administration is looking at it. No position yet, b5 [REDACTED] I think. Would recommend b5 [REDACTED].

From: "Cabana, Robert D. {KSC-Center-Director} (KSC-AA000)" <robert.d.cabana@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1:31 PM
To: Melanie Saunders <melanie.saunders-1@nasa.gov>
Subject: Question

Mel,

Any discussion at HQ about the Scientific American article on renaming JWST because of Webb's roles in the Lavender Scare?

I've been asked my thoughts on it and thought I could fall under HQ lead if any position has been established.

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Thanks,

Bob

Re: AMA Response Review: James Webb Space Telescope Name Change

From: Grant, Rob (KSC-AJ000) <milton.r.grant@nasa.gov>
To: Diggs, Hortense Blackwell (KSC-PX000) <hortense.b.diggs@nasa.gov>, Cabana, Robert D. {KSC-Center-Director} (KSC-AA000) <robert.d.cabana@nasa.gov>, Shaver, Daniel P. (KSC-CC000) <daniel.p.shaver@nasa.gov>
Cc: Schneiderman, Max J. (KSC-NEC20) <max.j.schneiderman@nasa.gov>
Sent: March 3, 2021 9:11:52 AM EST
Received: March 3, 2021 9:11:54 AM EST

Concur

On: 03 March 2021 08:59, "Diggs, Hortense Blackwell (KSC-PX000)" <hortense.b.diggs@nasa.gov> wrote:

Yes!

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Cc: Schneiderman, Max J. (KSC-NEC20) <max.j.schneiderman@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: AMA Response Review: James Webb Space Telescope Name Change

Are you all ok with this response?

Bob

Response:

As KSC has no role in the naming of this mission, I will reserve my opinion on this matter and defer to those who would be involved in such a process. I believe the Administration is aware and we will see what transpires.

Regardless of what happens, inclusion is definitely one of our core values and I strongly support fair and equal treatment of all who work at the Kennedy Space Center. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

Keep charging,

Bob

From: Schneiderman, Max J. (KSC-NEC20) <max.j.schneiderman@nasa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Cabana, Robert D. {KSC-Center-Director} (KSC-AA000) <robert.d.cabana@nasa.gov>
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Subject: AMA Response Review: James Webb Space Telescope Name Change

Mr. Cabana,

Please see the AMA post below and the suggested response coordinated with CC and PX:

AMA Post:

James Webb Space Telescope Name Change <[https://cdama-admin.ksc.nasa.gov/SitePages/CDAskMeAnything.aspx?RootFolder=/Lists/CDAskMeAnything/James Webb Space Telescope Name Change&FolderCTID=0x01200200830324844EC4B94280EEDE62A1C1FF09&View={3E53A1D5-960F-41F1-AA4E-845DC8A161A9}>](https://cdama-admin.ksc.nasa.gov/SitePages/CDAskMeAnything.aspx?RootFolder=/Lists/CDAskMeAnything/James%20Webb%20Space%20Telescope%20Name%20Change&FolderCTID=0x01200200830324844EC4B94280EEDE62A1C1FF09&View={3E53A1D5-960F-41F1-AA4E-845DC8A161A9}>)>

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3/1/2021 12:40 PM

Hi Center Director Cabana,

I recently read an article from Scientific American (link below), which calls for the changing of the name of the James Webb Space Telescope. The opinion piece states that James Webb was complicit in the persecution of the LGBTQ federal workforce as head of the State department and later as the NASA administrator during the Lavender Scare.

Given NASA's new core value, Inclusion, do you think it is appropriate to keep the James Webb name for our next Hubble? Thank you.

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Response:

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[Redacted]

Bob

Please provide any comments or edits. Thanks.

Best Wishes,

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Re: JWST conversation at 10 am

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Sent: March 3, 2021 9:54:16 AM EST
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You bet. See you in a bit.

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Cc: Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Subject: JWST conversation at 10 am

Brian,

Could you please join a conversation with the JWST team at 10 am re: the statement we've proposed? For your awareness, here's what we have thus far. b5 [redacted]

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Hey Johnny,

I'm going to attend the meeting regarding the naming of James Webb telescope. Holly will be there to introduce you to the history folks. I'll join as soon as we are finished with the meeting on Webb.

Brian

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Thanks! Talk to you then.

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Yep, that works

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Good deal. Would 3pm CT work for you tomorrow? If so, I'll send a Teams invite.

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Hi Brian,

Probably most efficient to update you via phone/Teams. Want to set up a time this week to chat? I've got openings tomorrow from 11:30-1 and any time after 2. Are you available anytime then?

Eric

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Cc: "Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020)" <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
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Looks good to me but you could change "role in government" to "past." Not a huge difference either way.

Eric—I'm interested in hearing more about your research into Webb sometime soon.

Brian

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I'm good with the language.

Thanks,

Greg

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Thanks too, Tabatha. Copying in Eric Smith.

Natasha

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Thanks, Tabatha.

This works for me.

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Subject: Updated holding statement: JSWST

All – Please see below the updated statement we workshopped at 10 a.m. Thank you for the thoughtful conversation.

As discussed, this would be a holding statement, for response to inquiries only. We all agreed to continue the conversation, look forward to hearing from Dr. Smith's research, and regroup to discuss how to close the loop prior to the telescope shipping. Please review, and if you are comfortable, let's confirm with Dr. Zurbuchen. Thank you again!

"NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation."

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Re: [EXTERNAL] James Webb History

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
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Sent: March 4, 2021 4:36:54 PM EST
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Thanks, Eric. Nice talking with you as well. Look forward to seeing what happens--please let me know if you need me to join you in any discussions with Webb team. Also, look forward to chatting with [b6].

Best,
Brian

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On 3/4/21, 3:33 PM, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Nice chatting with you today. Here's what I'd sent to [b6]. I'll send another e-introduction email as well.

Eric

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On 2/27/21, 4:14 PM, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi [b6]

Yes, I've reached the point in my own digging to recognize that further progress requires someone who knows the right way to do such things. (Also, apologies for the long email message!)

I started my inquires with the NASA historian at NASA HQ. He, and an archivist looked through the material they had and found that nothing relevant was in the NASA files. Not terribly surprising since the matter of interest occurred about a decade before Webb came to lead NASA. My next inquiry went to the library staff at the Department of State where I've been in correspondence with [Referred to the Dept. of State]. He's been combing through there material and provided me with the attached files as well as information below:

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So, I strongly urge you to go ahead and contact both Department of State Historian's Office (history@state.gov) and National Archives, Textual Records Division: David Langbart (david.langbart@nara.gov) to try to find a definitive answer, especially if the Webb Telescope is going to "become a major element of much NASA public outreach".

I've contacted David Langbart and received the following response:

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your recent inquiry to the National Archives about records of the Department of State.

James Webb served as Under Secretary of State, the second-ranking position in the Department, from January 1949 to February 1952.

The primary source for documentation on the Department of State, U.S. foreign policy, and events in various countries is the Department of State central files, part of RG 59: General Records of the Department of State. More detail is at: <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.archives.gov%2Fresearch%2Fforeign-policy%2Fstate-dept%2Frg-59-central-files&data=04%7C01%7Cbrian.c.odom%40nasa.gov%7Cc73044e94ac241982cd508d8df5509f5%7C7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b%7C0%7C0%7C637504903801936207%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=jmfzC6ruY%2BWPev2M9uGaOLY6acxBH1ZE5STh%2FHVgr%2Fo%3D&reserved=0>.

From 1910 to 1963, the Department's central file is arranged according to a pre-determined decimal subject classification scheme known as the Central Decimal File. The file is broken into the following segments: 1910-29, 1930-39, 1940-44, 1945-49, 1950-54, 1955-59, 1960-63.

The central file for the period 1910 through 1949 is arranged subjectively in nine subject classes. Within these classes, the files are further broken down by subject:

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Class 2: Extradition

Class 3: Protection of Interests

Class 4: Claims

Class 5: International Congresses and Conferences

Class 6: Commerce

Class 7: Political Relations of State

Class 8: Internal Affairs of States (This class is further divided into file categories on political affairs; public order, safety, health, and works; military affairs; naval affairs; social matters; economic matters; industrial matters; communication and transportation; navigation; and other internal affairs.)

The class number becomes the first digit in the file number.

Documentation created/reviewed by Webb will be scattered throughout the files based on its subject. There is a small administrative file one the Under Secretary in Class 1 under file "111.16 WE".

The central file for the period from 1950 to January 1963, is arranged subjectively in ten subject classes. Within these classes, the files are further broken down by subject:

Class 0: Miscellaneous

Class 1: Administration

Class 2: Protection of Interests

Class 3: International Conferences, Congresses, Meetings and Organizations

Class 4: International Trade and Commerce

Class 5: International Informational and Educational Relations

Class 6: International Political Relations

Class 7: Internal Political and National Defense Affairs

Class 8: Internal Economic, Industrial, and Social Affairs

Class 9: Communications, Transportation, Science

The class number becomes the first digit in the file number.

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Also in RG 59 are decentralized records of various high level, geographic, and functional offices of the Department. Those files can be a valuable supplement to the documentation found in the central files. For important information about the decentralized files see:

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RG 59 Entry A1-394B. MEMORANDUMS OF THE SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY. 1951 52. 4 in. Arranged chronologically. Chiefly copies of memorandums by and for the Secretary of State and Undersecretaries James E. Webb and David K. E. Bruce on a wide range of foreign policy, domestic political, and administrative matters. Most of the memorandums are signed by Special Assistant to the Secretary Lucius D. Battle and Jeffrey C. Kitchen of the Executive Secretariat's Policy Reports Staff. These documents consist of memorandums of telephone conversations, summaries of the Secretary's conversations with the President, reports of meetings, and notes regarding appointments and speaking engagements.

RG 59 Entry A1-395. AGENDA FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. 1949 52. 5 in. Arranged chronologically in numerical sequence, UM A1 UM A448. Brief agendas that provide the date and time of each meeting and the topics scheduled for discussion. The meetings dealt with a wide range of subjects, such as military aid, interdepartmental cooperation, congressional hearings, psychological warfare, and the Department's position on legislative programs and on internal administrative matters. The meetings were usually attended by the division heads.

RG 59 Entry A1-396. INDEX TO RECORDS OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. 1949 52. 1/4 in. Arranged alphabetically by subject. A list, by subject, of the documents, action summaries, and minutes of the Under Secretary's meetings.

RG 59 Entry A1-396A. INDEX TO PROBLEMS CONSIDERED AT THE UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. Feb. 1949 Apr. 1949. 1/4 in. Arranged chronologically. A list of problems discussed, the action summaries and documents involved, decisions reached, and the names of persons given assignments.

RG 59 Entry A1-396B. POSITION PAPERS AND REPORTS OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. 1949 1952. 15 in. Arranged chronologically in numerical sequence, UM D1 UM D152. Documents introduced at the Under Secretary's meetings, including position papers, reports, and memorandums. Among the major topics covered are U.S. policy toward Asia, military aid to Latin America, and the situation in Guatemala.

RG 59 Entry A1-396C. MINUTES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. Feb. 3, 1949 Jan. 25, 1952. 10 in. Arranged chronologically in numerical sequence (1 447). Summary memorandums of the discussions and actions taken at the Under Secretary's meetings. They are not verbatim accounts of the proceedings. Also included are lists of persons who attended each meeting.

RG 59 Entry A1-396D. ACTION SUMMARIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. Feb. 1949 Mar. 1951. 3 in. Arranged chronologically in numerical sequence, UM S1 UM S315. The action summaries provide the date and time of each meeting, the topics discussed, a brief summary of the actions taken, and a list of the documents presented.

RG 59 Entry A1-396E. NOTES ON THE UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. March 1951 Jan. 1952. 2 in. Arranged chronologically in numerical sequence, UM N321 UM N447. Similar to the action summaries, these notes on the Under Secretary's meetings include the date, time, actions taken, and a brief statement concerning the proceedings of each meeting. There are no notes for some meetings.

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The most comprehensive scholarly work on the topic is THE LAVENDER SCARE: THE COLD WAR PERSECUTION OF GAYS AND LESBIANS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT by David K. Johnson.

Do not hesitate to let me know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,
DAVID A. LANGBART
Archives II Reference, Research Rooms
and Augmented Processing Branch
National Archives at College Park, MD

Additionally, I've spoken with [b6] who is writing the JWST history similarly as he did for HST. While [b6] didn't have any personal insight or material, he did put me onto David K. Johnson's excellent book "The Lavender Scare: The Cold War Persecution of Gays and Lesbians in the Federal Government". I'm reading that now and thought that he would be a great person to talk with eventually. Finally, I spoke with Henry Lambright (Syracuse Univ). He wrote the Webb biography, "Powering Apollo". He's a professor of policy more than history but did interview many people who knew Webb. He said that none of the Lavender scare material came up in his interviews, but he did have some valuable insights into that period of history and how the White House and State department were interacting. Based upon that and his impressions of Webb's character from the interviews he could imagine how Webb's talent for making the bureaucracy function would be used by the Truman administration. His assessment was a 'value free' judgement and he said he had no knowledge what Webb's personal views on the matter might have been.

After you've had a chance to look through the email and attachments perhaps a phone call would be easiest to discuss what would be a good next step.

I have to give a presentation to the NASA Astrophysics Division advisory committee on March 15 about JWST. They specifically asked me what NASA was doing about the social media "scuffle" that's arisen about the Lavender scare. I'm planning to tell them what I've found as far a resource material (not in specific detail however). But I also was planning to inform them that further progress would be best if done by a professional historian and independent of NASA.

Let me know when are some good times to talk in the coming week.

Best Regards,
Eric

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On 2/26/21, 1:59 PM, [b6] > wrote:

Eric,

I understand that you may be in need of historical research on James Webb. I have done some cursory research on him in the past just out of curiosity because I knew about the Lavender Scare. I would be interested in knowing what research you have done, and how I can help you. I would be glad to do some historical consulting for you.

take care,
[b6]

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In 1950, the U.S. State Department fired 91 employees because they were homosexual or suspected of being homosexual. In the next two years,

reviving

memories of his controversial role

(<https://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewfrancis/2015/06/11/the-problem-with-naming-observatories-for-bigots/#4fo1cff6695b>), in what's become known as the Lavender Scare, which paralleled the more familiar McCarthy-era Red Scare.

The historian Naoko Shibusawa, writing in the journal *Diplomatic History*, explores the anti-gay politics of the Cold War in an international context. This larger context was the belief that Western civilization was predicated on an imperialist containment of “effeminate” races. These non-western peoples—including Russia, which was considered Asiatic—were decayed, degenerate, despotic, and cowardly, a threat to civilization at large. (As late as 1972, Richard Nixon, who cut his political teeth in the Red Scare, was recorded blaming “homos” for the fall of Greece and Rome.)

Before the Cold War, there was little panic about closeted gays and lesbians in the federal workforce, at least outside of the military.

Homosexuality, which was declared a mental illness by the American Psychological Association in 1952, was merged into the larger gendering of global relations. It was perceived as a threat not just to the family, but to

1947 loyalty order

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Executive_Order_9835), made no mention of sexuality. But by early 1950, when Wisconsin Senator Joe McCarthy made his sensational (and false) charges that dozens of communists were working in the State Department, the Department already had two investigators working to expose and purge homosexuals from the bureaucratic ranks.

The stated reasoning was that homosexuals were security risks because they were subject to blackmail. This reasoning was circular: they were subject to blackmail because they were in the closet. No actual breaches in security could be traced to any homosexual employee before, or after, the State Department began its purges.

Truman's effort to defuse McCarthyism with sacrificial homosexuals only stoked the flames. The paranoid conspiracy theorists took off: the 1930s homosexual in-joke "homintern" (playing on "Comintern" or Communist International) suddenly became a shadowy international cabal of "fairies" who plotted to control the world, either for their masters in Moscow or as dupes of the Reds. Shibusawa quotes one influential "exposé" of the "Homosexual International:"

Members of one conspiracy are prone to join another conspiracy. This is why so many homosexuals, from being enemies of society in general, become enemies of capitalism in particular.

The revisions of Truman's loyalty program under President Eisenhower took it up a notch. For federal service, job applicants (and existing employees) had to furnish information about "any criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral, or notoriously disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicants to excess, drug addiction, or perversion." Cigarettes, martinis, and coffee, presumably, were not included.

Shibusawa is most interested in how homosexuals were "othered." It wasn't just as "deviants" or "perverts." The discourse of the era included what she describes as a kind of "Orientalizing" of homosexuals. They were, in the eyes of Webb and his allies on the right, akin to aliens from East. Shibusawa quotes a U.S. Representative from Nebraska who introduced an amendment to ban gays from federal employment in 1950 because, he said, "homosexuality goes back to the Orientals [...] the Russians are strong believers in homosexuality."

As a matter of fact, homosexuality was a crime in Stalin's USSR, as it had been under the Tsars. In Mao's China, homosexuality was illegal, labeled a "bourgeois decadence." And Castro would criminalize homosexuality in Cuba when he came to power. In the 1950s, these facts were irrelevant to those devoted to a reactionary politics.

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Looks good. Had a great conversation yesterday with Eric Smith from the Webb team as well. He's definitely on the right track in terms of the research.

Please let me know if you need anything from History on this one. Happy to talk with whomever. Have a great weekend.

Brian

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All – To close the loop on this, following a call earlier this week with the Webb team and further review among the team, please see the holding statement the Webb scientists and Dr. Zurbuchen have approved. Please let us know if you'd like to discuss further. Thank you.

"NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early

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Hi Marc,

Thanks for alerting me to this issue and sharing the proposed statement on inclusion, which looks fine to me

b5

Suggest we have a discussion with Melanie soon on NASA's approach on this issue and related ones (e.g., b5 b5) – both to provide a heads-up and to consider for long term direction as we work soon on a new NASA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion strategic plan.

Best,

Steve Shih

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Thanks Tabatha, adding Steve Shih for his perspective.

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Subject: JWST holding statement

All – As Grey is out [b6] this week, I worked with Patrick Lynch in Goddard communications on a draft updated Webb holding statement. He is running this by the Webb scientists now. Note that the scientists have had, and continue to hold, community forum discussions on the topic. Please let me know if you'd like to something more or different.

Best,

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This Week @NASA Report

For March 8 – March 13, 2021

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In case you missed it, on March 4, President Joe Biden made a congratulatory call

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Additionally, Perseverance also made its first drive March 4 – a brief trek across the Martian landscape that covered about 21.3 feet which also served as a mobility test. Since landing, NASA's largest, most sophisticated Mars rover yet has gone through checks on every system and subsystem and sent back thousands of images <<https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/multimedia/raw-images/>> from Jezero Crater.

Also, in case you missed it, as we concluded celebration of Black History Month, astronaut Victor Glover welcomed Vice President Kamala Harris <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://youtu.be/A58krE7bBE&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806058471|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=1rfqRG47wf1+QskSxYP782tnvZZUs23gc9nov2rwSsl=&reserved=0>> to the International Space Station for an exciting discussion.

As a result of recent spacewalks outside the International Space Station, media accreditation is now open for NASA's SpaceX Crew-2 mission to the space station. The launch, on a Falcon 9 rocket, is targeted for no earlier than Thursday, April 22, from our Kennedy Space Center. And the James Webb Space Telescope has completed final functional tests to prepare for launch.

March is Women's History Month, and all around the agency virtual programs and other celebrations are in the works to recognize women's contributions on Earth and in space. For Women's History Month, NASA and the International Space Station <https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html> will celebrate the women who conduct science aboard the orbiting lab <https://cms.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/research/news/whm-recent-female-astronauts>. As of March 2021, 65 women have flown in space, including cosmonauts, astronauts, payload specialists, and space station participants. The first woman in space was Russian cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http://www.gctc.ru/main.php?id=1097&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806068428|Unk>>

nown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=IdNjYZOGGRf4az2sm0y2dp3onl/t9Nb2453SEIdneQ8=&reserved=0>, who flew on Vostok 6 on June 16, 1963. The first American woman in space, Sally Ride <https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/ride_sally.pdf>, flew aboard the Space Shuttle STS-7 in June of 1983.

NASA's Perseverance Drives on Mars' Terrain for First Time

As previously mentioned, NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance rover performed its first drive on Mars March 4, covering 21.3 feet (6.5 meters) across the Martian landscape. The drive served as a mobility test that marks just one of many milestones as team members check out and calibrate every system, subsystem, and instrument on Perseverance. Once the rover begins pursuing its science goals, regular commutes extending 656 feet (200 meters) or more are expected. The rover's mobility system is not only thing getting a test drive during this period of initial checkouts. Since landing, Perseverance's mission controllers completed a software update, replacing the computer program that helped land Perseverance with one they will rely on to investigate the planet.

With Perseverance's departure from its touchdown site, mission team scientists have memorialized the spot, informally naming it for the late science fiction author Octavia E. Butler. The groundbreaking author and Pasadena, California, native was the first African American woman to win both the Hugo Award and Nebula Award, and she was the first science fiction writer honored with a MacArthur Fellowship. The location where Perseverance began its mission on Mars now bears the name "Octavia E. Butler Landing."

NASA Awards Mars Ascent Propulsion System Contract for Sample Return

NASA has awarded the Mars Ascent Propulsion System (MAPS) contract to Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation of Elkton, Maryland, to provide propulsion support and products for spaceflight missions at the agency's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Coupled with the successful touchdown of the Mars Perseverance rover, this award moves NASA and ESA (European Space Agency) one step closer to realizing Mars Sample Return (MSR), a highly ambitious planetary exploration program that will build upon decades of science, knowledge, and experience of Mars exploration.

NASA, SpaceX Invite Media to Next Commercial Crew Launch

Media accreditation is now open for NASA's SpaceX Crew-2 mission to the International Space Station <<https://www.nasa.gov/station>>. This is the second crew rotation flight with astronauts on the Crew Dragon spacecraft and the first launch with two international partners as part of the agency's Commercial Crew Program <<https://www.nasa.gov/exploration/commercial/crew/index.html>>.

The launch, on a Falcon 9 rocket, is targeted for no earlier than Thursday, April 22, from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

NASA's SpaceX Crew-2 mission will carry NASA astronauts Shane Kimbrough <<https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/robert-shane-kimbrough>> and Megan McArthur <<https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/k-megan-mcarthur/>> – who will serve as the mission's spacecraft commander and pilot, respectively – along with JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) astronaut Akihiko Hoshide <[https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http://www.esa.int/Science_Exploration/Human_and_Robotic_Ex](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://iss.jaxa.jp/en/astro/biographies/hoshide/index.html&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806068428|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=l6dhtwH/ZBMAbj99duWpUHyHATziitr4cOLdMZFfbL4=&reserved=0> and ESA (European Space Agency) astronaut Thomas Pesquet <<a href=)

ploration/Astronauts/Thomas_Pesquet&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806078389|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=8aJe9D3UYCXy3nE+0JvyDCGL6+9gGaEFuODWeAx17c=&reserved=0>, whowill serve as mission specialists.

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope Completes Final Functional Tests to Prepare for Launch

Last month, marked significant progress for NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, which completed its final functional performance tests at Northrop Grumman in Redondo Beach, California. Testing teams successfully completed two important milestones that confirmed the observatory's internal electronics are all functioning as intended, and that the spacecraft and its four scientific instruments can send and receive data properly through the same network they will use in space. These milestones move Webb closer to being ready to launch in October.

METRICS

March 5, 2021: Weekly Digital Metrics Summary:

- Flagship YouTube viewers are watching the recent Artemis: We Are Focused
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OslhTw0CK8U&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806078389|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=jmQz5ph6LXtJdle7MICz1PIGJbCtBrcwTouaakCupHs=&reserved=0>> video longer than usual, with an average view duration of 1:23 compared to the range of 0:46-1:09 for similar content. VALUE ADD: The total length of this video is 2:25 which makes the average view duration even more impressive as it means on average users are watching 57.1% of the video.
- Prior to Perseverance landing, average weekly NASA app downloads were 41.2k. After Perseverance landing that average increased to 143.4k. Over the last seven days there have been 89.5k total NASA app downloads with February seeing a total of 2.13 million active app users across iOS devices, Android devices, Roku, and Apple TV. VALUE ADD: February's total active app users is 63% higher than the previous month, which had a total of 1.31 million.
- NASA Armstrong's news release announcing X-57
<<https://www.nasa.gov/centers/armstrong/news/newsreleases/2021/21-01NR.html>> all electric aircraft high-voltage ground testing was the best performing Armstrong web story for the week, accounting for almost 40% of total traffic and over 15k page views while receiving 2.8K engagements on social accounts. VALUE ADD: The story was picked up by 14 media outlets including Gizmodo
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<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://blog.executivebiz.com/2021/02/nasa-to-hold-high-voltage-ground-tests-for-x-57-electric-aircraft/&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806108261|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=XSjXs2J22MB4+EVmzJeeeAxsuXgd9JKvun0fBDNfjw=&reserved=0>>, and was featured as Inverse's Top Science Image of the Week
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.inverse.com/science/nasa-x57-maxwell-covid-perseverance-meteor-science-images&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806108261|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=p9SYNKS0DBbwpv23MxpI0T0s1bcJnR+AqKzeZp0obXM=&reserved=0>>.

- When the NASA newsletter started two years ago, it took 7 months to reach the first 1 million subscribers. Over the last seven days, thanks to Perseverance, the newsletter has gained over 1.2 million subscribers bringing the total to 4.67 million. VALUE ADD: Public engagement has seen significant growth of their guest operations standing contact list as well, adding approximately 3.6K participants from landing. Over the last month their list has grown 7% and now totals just under 35k contacts.

- As of Friday afternoon, President Biden's call to congratulate the NASA JPL Perseverance team has had over 500 traditional media mentions including outlets such as USA Today
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<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://nypost.com/2021/03/04/biden-tells-nasa-engineer-indian-americans-are-taking-over-the-country/&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|80fc533aded841dfc8fb08d8e2345c00|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637508061806138132|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=4NKdAxLTTaEEYlr5XsH7EIAQIvY4cuGONKwNS+0BFsQ=&reserved=0>>. VALUE ADD: If paid for, coverage provided so far would have cost \$203k.

FULL SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTS

Monday, March 8

Activities

- Astronauts Megan McArthur and Bob Behnken with People/People TV – news interview on McArthur’s upcoming Crew-2 mission, Bob’s Demo-2 mission and their relationship
- Astronaut Loral O'Hara for Frostwood Elementary
- Astronaut Christina Koch for SAS Women in Analytics
- Astronaut Steve Bowen for Tamr DataMasters
- Astronaut Christina Koch interview with Allure Magazine on astronaut health and wellness
- JSC Deputy Director Vanessa Wyche to participate in “The Boardroom” – a virtual panel discussion with The Links, Inc., Port City, Texas, chapter (focus is on women of color in board positions)

Products

- Earth: Goddard Web Article: NASA Data Powers New USDA Soil Moisture Portal (SMAP Tool)
- Earth: Kennedy Web Article: Feature: Sea Turtle Launch from Canaveral National Seashore
- Education: JPL Web Article: [LOCAL] Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl Recap
- Glenn Media Release: NASA Glenn Launches Virtual Tour Season
- Humans in Space: [TBD] NASA HQ Image/Video, Media Release, Web Feature: NASA crew member update news release
- Humans in Space: Johnson Image/Video, Social Media Activity: International Women’s Day, JSC employee highlights
- Moon to Mars: JPL Web Article: Asteroid 2001 FO32 Close Approach
- Moon to Mars, Humans in Space, Solar System and Beyond: Johnson Image/Video, Web Article: Tournament Earth: Astronaut Photography Edition
- Solar System and Beyond: Ames Web Article: Feature: SOFIA observes magnetic fields around colliding galaxies
- Space Tech: NASA HQ Web Article: NASA Taps Universities to Develop Lunar Technologies

Annual Events

- Anniversary: STS-102 (Discovery) launch to ISS (2001)

Tuesday, March 9

Activities

- International Women's Day
- NASA iTech Ignite the Night TAMPA (virtual)
- Mamta Patel with Baja Auto's Women's History Month
- KSC Office of Small Business Program (OSBP) Joint Counseling
- Interview: DHL Innovation Center videocast w/ Mark Wiese, Deep Space Logistics

Products

- Earth: Image/Video, Web Article: Landsat Satellite Data Warns of Harmful Algal Blooms
- Flight: Langley Web feature on Quiet High Lift Model
- History: NASA HQ Social Media Activity: Discovery lands on final mission (STS-133) (2011)
- History: Johnson Image/Video, Social Media Activity, Web Article: One-year anniversary of operating in a pandemic
- Humans in Space, Moon to Mars: Johnson Image/Video, Social Media Activity: NASA Knowledge, Orion Return to Earth
- Langley: Center Director Clayton Turner will be interviewed by WCNC (NBC affil) re: "Hidden Figure" Dr. Christine Darden
- Moon to Mars: Ames Web Article: Feature: Opening of VIPER's Surface Segment Integration/Test Facility
- Moon to Mars: Johnson Image/Video: Web Article: VIPER (Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover) Pathfinder feature
- Moon to Mars: Artemis blog on SLS Booster Stacking
- Moon to Mars: Kennedy blog on Plant Researcher in Antarctica
- Moon to Mars, Solar System and Beyond: JPL Media Release: Perseverance Team Names Mars Locations After Navajo Sites
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Web Article: Switchbacks science round-up (headline TBD)
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Web Article: Juno Spacecraft Detections Reveal Mars is a Solar System Polluter
- Solar System and Beyond: Marshall Web Article: Gigantic Jet Spied from Black Hole in Early Universe
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Image/Video, Web Article: TBD Scientists Sketch Aged Star System Using 100 Years of Observation (University of Maryland)
- Solar System and Beyond: JPL Web Article: ExoComm: "Are We Alone?" web feature #4

- Space Tech: NASA HQ Social Media Activity: NASA iTech Ignite the Night TAMPA (virtual)
- Space Tech: Armstrong Web Article: AFRC: NASA and Blue Origin Partner for Lunar Gravity Testing

Annual Events

- Anniversary: Discovery lands on final mission (STS-133) (2011)

Wednesday, March 10

Activities

- ISS Downlink: Victor Glover and Shannon Walker for a Nanoracks airlock/commercialization event
- Mike Hopkins and Soichi Noguchi for Presidential Rank Awards message (deferred downlink; will not air live on NASA TV)
- CNES briefing on Perseverance's SuperCam, includes Associate Administrator Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen
- FY21 Team Redstone Center of Excellence Advance Planning Briefings
- NASA Science Live: The Search for Life
- Astronaut Kjell Lindgren with Colorado State

Products

- Flight: Armstrong Women's History Month web feature on Tiffany Titus, flight operations engineer
- Humans in Space: Image/Video: Tech on Deck video series, Episode 2: Robotic Refueling
- Humans in Space: Marshall Web Article: Strong Team, Strong Science: Two Decades of Success
- Humans in Space, Moon to Mars: Johnson Web Article: Human Research Program Lunar Series: Artemis
- Moon to Mars: Marshall Image/Video: RS-25 Infographic on Advanced Manufacturing Improvements
- Moon to Mars: Booster Stacking Media Advisory from Kennedy
- Moon to Mars, Solar System and Beyond: NASA HQ Web Article: First Science Results From Perseverance's SuperCam
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Web Article: In First, Scientists Trace Fastest Solar Particles to Their Roots on Sun
- Space Tech: Goddard Image/Video: "Tech on Deck" Video Series

Thursday, March 11

Activities

- Firestone Grand Prix
- Interview: Learning Unwrapped Webcast with Launch Services Program (LSP)
- Interview: SupplyChainBrain podcast w/ Mark Wiese/Deep Space Log
- Astronaut Kayla Barron for Waste Management Symposia
- Suni Williams, Jasmin Moghbeli for International Women in Aviation
- Astronaut Jonny Kim for Visit with Bay Farm Montessori
- Astronaut Bob Behnken with Netflix documentary, rescheduled from Texas storms. Interview re: NASA SpaceX Demo-2
- JSC Deputy Director Vanessa Wyche for Auburn Alumni Association
- Astronaut Doug Hurley with Netflix documentary
- The Space Update podcast interview with Webb's Jon Gardner, the deputy senior project scientist

Products

- Armstrong Web Article: NASA Partnership with UTEP Increases Minority STEM Education
- Earth: Goddard Web Article: Accounting for Value of Liberia's Natural Ecosystems w/ Remote Sensing
- History: Glenn Web Article: Names Evolve as Center Honors People and Achievements in Research
- History, Humans in Space: Johnson Image/Video; Social Media Activity; Web Article: On This Day in History STS 1 L-1 month 1981
- Moon to Mars: Moon to Mars: Johnson Image/Video; Image feature on human-in-the-loop test today with Astronaut Zina Cardman that evaluated the performance of Orion's docking tunnel
- Moon to Mars: Langley Image/Video, Social Media Activity: Astronauts Practice Lunar Landings at Langley Simulator
- Moon to Mars, Humans in Space: Marshall Web Article, Social Media Activity: RS-25 Feature Story
- Moon to Mars: Stennis Image/Video, Social Media Activity: 2nd RS-25 test in a seven-test developmental series
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Image/Video, Web Article: Hubble Sees New Atmosphere Forming on Rocky Exoplanet

Friday, March 12

Activities

- Astronaut Jeanette Epps for Windsor Village United Methodist
- Astronaut Shane Kimbrough for Trinity School, New York

Products

- Flight: Glenn Web Article: Renovate to Elevate: Facility Upgrades Propel Green Aviation
- Humans in Space: Johnson Web Article: Paraguay's First Satellite to Deploy from Space Station This Weekend
- Humans in Space: NASA HQ Image/Video, Media Advisory: Soyuz Port Relocation Coverage Advisory
- Humans in Space, Moon to Mars: Johnson Other, Podcast, Social Media Activity: Houston We Have a Podcast "The Next One-Year Missions"
- Humans in Space: Marshall Image/Video, Web Article: 20th Anniversary Payload Operations at Marshall
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Image/Video: Hubble Friday image and caption
- Solar System and Beyond: Ames Web Article: Feature: SOFIA observes atomic oxygen in Earth's atmosphere
- Space Tech: NASA HQ Web Article: NASA, APL continue Lunar Surface Innovation Consortium

Annual Events

- Birthday: Astronaut Wally Schirra (Sigma 7, Gemini VI, Apollo 7) birthday (1923)

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Activities

- JSC Deputy Director Vanessa Wyche recorded for SuperGirls Shine

Annual Events

- Anniversary: Apollo 9 splashdown (LM Earth-orbit test flight) (1969)

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RECENT HOT TOPICS

Webb Telescope Name Statement

On March 1, *Scientific American* posted an opinion [letter](#) entitled, "NASA Needs to Rename the James Webb Space Telescope." Below is our response to public & media who call for comment:

- NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

International Space Station Leak Update

The following is the latest response we're providing the public and media about a long-term slow air leak aboard the International Space Station:

- Roscosmos Cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov continued work this week (first week of March) to [seal a crack](#) in the service module of the Zvezda compartment aboard the International Space Station. This was part of ongoing work to isolate and fix the source of a slight increase above the standard cabin air leak rate aboard the station teams have been investigating over the last year.
- The crew is in no danger, and the space station has ample consumables aboard to manage and maintain the nominal environment.
- To seal the crack, the crew will drill holes in the tips of the cracks to prevent any potential future growth. The cracks will then be sealed right away with two types of sealing paste. Several more layers of paste will be applied with a reinforcement patch, which will be covered with another layer of sealing paste.
- After completing the crack repair work, a series of leak checks will be performed. The metal pieces, instrument data and photos collected will all be sent back to Earth for further analysis.

NASA's Boeing Orbital Flight Test-2 Update

NASA posted the following [update](#) March 4 about the uncrewed NASA's Boeing Orbital Flight Test-2 to the International Space Station for the agency's Commercial Crew Program:

- NASA and Boeing are evaluating a new target launch date for the CST-100 Starliner's Orbital Flight Test-2 (OFT-2) to the International Space Station after winter storms in Houston, and the recent replacement of avionics boxes, set the program back about two weeks. NASA also is weighing the volume of verification and validation analysis required prior to the test flight and the visiting vehicle schedule at the International Space Station. Previously, the launch was targeted for no earlier than April 2.
- An important factor the teams are evaluating is the visiting vehicle schedule at the International Space Station, which already has a scheduled crewed Soyuz launch and NASA's SpaceX Crew-2 mission in April. Based on the current traffic at the space



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station, NASA does not anticipate that OFT-2 can be accomplished later in April. NASA and Boeing are working to find the earliest possible launch date.

- “Boeing and NASA have worked extremely hard to support an early-April launch but we need to assess alternatives to ensure NASA’s safety work can be accomplished. NASA and Boeing know we fly together,” said Kathy Lueders, associate administrator, NASA’s Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate. “Boeing has done an incredible amount of work on Starliner to be ready for flight and we’ll provide an update soon on when we expect to launch the OFT-2 mission.”
- “I’m grateful for the extraordinary work being undertaken by our NASA partners as we progress towards our OFT-2 mission,” said John Vollmer, vice president and program manager of Boeing’s Commercial Crew Program. “And I’m very proud of the Boeing Starliner team for working so diligently to get the hardware, software and certification closure products ready for flight. We’re committed to demonstrating the safety and quality of our spacecraft and progressing to our crewed test flight and the missions beyond.”
- The company has been conducting dry-runs ahead of an end-to-end mission rehearsal that will allow the operations team to practice and observe integrated interactions through the whole mission profile, from launch to docking and undocking to landing. Additionally, power-on testing and checkouts of the OFT-2 vehicle, with new avionics boxes installed, have been completed successfully. Spacecraft fueling operations and the stacking of the launch vehicle are also ready to commence.

Green Run SLS Testing Update

NASA posted the following [update](#) March 3 on the Space Launch System “Green Run” testing:

- Engineers have successfully repaired a liquid oxygen valve on the Space Launch System rocket’s core stage with subsequent checks confirming the valve to be operating properly. The team plans to power up the core stage for remaining functional checks later this week before moving forward with final preparations for a hot fire test in mid-March at NASA’s Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. NASA anticipates setting a target date for the hot fire next week.
- Last week during checkouts for the second hot fire test, data indicated the valve (a type of valve called a pre-valve) was not working properly. The valve is part of the core stage’s main propulsion system and is opened at the beginning of the test and closed if necessary to stop the flow of liquid oxygen from the core stage propellant tank to the respective RS-25 engine during the hot fire.
- While the valve was repaired over the weekend, the team continued to prepare the core stage, its four RS-25 engines, and the B-2 test stand for the second hot fire at Stennis. This hot fire test will be the last test before the Artemis I core stage is shipped to the agency’s Kennedy Space Center for assembly and integration with the rest of the rocket’s major elements and the Orion spacecraft.
- Please check back at this blog for an update on the date NASA is targeting for the second Green Run hot fire. For more information about SLS Green Run, visit <https://www.nasa.gov/artemisprogram/greenrun>



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Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters Building Naming Ceremony

On Feb. 26, NASA held an official naming ceremony for the agency's headquarters building in Washington, calling it the Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters Building, after the first African American female engineer at NASA.

- Mary W. Jackson was part of a group of very important women who helped NASA succeed in getting American astronauts into space. Jackson never accepted the status quo, and helped break barriers and open opportunities for African Americans and women in the field of engineering and technology.
- Jackson's commitment to excellence, diversity, inclusion, and teamwork represents the best of this agency and the future of NASA. Only by embracing an inclusive culture can we live up to NASA's core values of safety, integrity, teamwork, excellence, and the recently added value, inclusion.
- Jackson began working at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) – the forerunner of NASA – in April 1951. From her initial role as a “human computer” within the segregated West Area Computing Unit of what would become NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, to becoming NASA's first Black female engineer, to managing Langley's Federal Women's Program and championing equal employment opportunity efforts at the center toward the end of her career, Jackson's pioneering efforts and commitment to helping others have inspired generations – both at NASA and beyond.
- The work of Jackson and others in Langley's West Area Computing Unit caught widespread national attention in the 2016 Margot Lee Shetterly book “Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race.” The book was made into a popular movie that same year, with award-winning actress Janelle Monáe playing Jackson's character.
- In 2019, Jackson, along with her fellow “Hidden Figures” [Katherine Johnson](#), [Dorothy Vaughan](#), and [Christine Darden](#), were posthumously [awarded the Congressional Gold Medal](#) – the highest civilian award – for their work. On June 24, 2020, NASA announced its intent to name the building the Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters building.
- The legacy of Jackson and others lives on through NASA's continuing commitment to diversity and inclusion. Jackson's commitment to excellence, diversity, inclusion, and teamwork represents not only the best of NASA's current talent, but also the future of the agency. Embracing an inclusive culture is central to all NASA does and is reflected in the recent addition of inclusion as one of the agency's core values, along with safety, integrity, teamwork, and excellence.

Fake NASA Mars Images and Videos

Since NASA's Perseverance rover landed on Mars Feb. 18, there has been an increase in Mars-related images and videos posted online being attributed to NASA that aren't the agency's products. Below is our response to the public and media who inquire about particular images and videos that aren't NASA's.

- Space enthusiasts and other image processors are often excited about raw imagery downlinked from NASA spacecraft. Sometimes it is used and altered to create fan-made works shared online. This particular product is one of those examples.

NASA has extensive image and video databases. Any official NASA news or imagery will be shared via an official agency communications channel. To search our primary



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imagery database, see: <https://images.nasa.gov>

For the latest NASA news: <https://www.nasa.gov/news/releases/latest/index.html>

Northrop Grumman CRS-15 Cargo Mission to the International Space Station

Northrop Grumman's next cargo resupply mission to the International Space Station launched Feb. 19 from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island, Virginia. Cygnus arrived at the space station on Feb. 22 and will stay there until May.

- Northrop Grumman's 15th contract resupply mission under the second Commercial Resupply Services (CRS-15) contract with NASA delivered about 8,000 pounds of cargo to the International Space Station.
- The Cygnus spacecraft carried supplies and payloads, including critical materials to directly support dozens of the more than 250 science, technology demonstrations, and research investigations the Expeditions 64 and 65 crews will conduct.
- Research sent on the Cygnus includes:
 - [Spaceborne Computer-2](#), a high-performance commercial, off-the-shelf computer system being studied to increase data processing speeds for science aboard the space station
 - [An experiment](#) to study the advantages of manufacturing artificial retinas in space
 - [Micro-16](#), an investigation studying muscle strength changes in worms to help better understand muscle weakening that astronauts can experience in microgravity.
 - [A-HoSS](#), a radiation detection system developed for the Orion spacecraft and certified for use on NASA's Artemis II mission, the mission to carry a crew of astronauts aboard the spacecraft in orbit around the Moon
- Northrop Grumman named this Cygnus spacecraft after former NASA mathematician and focus of the movie "Hidden Figures," Katherine Johnson. It's the company's tradition to name each Cygnus spacecraft after an individual who has played a pivotal role in human spaceflight. Johnson's hand-written calculations were critical for John Glenn's successful orbital mission around the Earth. This launch also took place on the 59th anniversary of Glenn's launch that Johnson helped make possible.
- Cargo resupply from U.S. companies ensures a national capability to deliver critical science research to the space station, significantly increasing NASA's ability to conduct new investigations at the only laboratory in space.
- The International Space Station is a convergence of science, technology, and human innovation that demonstrates new technologies and enables research not possible on Earth. NASA recently celebrated [20 years of continuous human presence](#) aboard the orbiting laboratory, which has hosted 242 people and a variety of international and commercial spacecraft. The space station remains the springboard to NASA's human spaceflight exploration plans, including future astronaut missions to the Moon and eventually to Mars.

Perseverance Mars Rover Mission Landing

NASA's Mars 2020 mission and its Perseverance rover landed on the Red Planet Feb. 18 at 12:55 p.m. PST (3:55 p.m. EST).

- Mission objectives:



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- Take samples to leave on the surface for return to Earth in a few years. First leg of a round trip to Mars.
- Search for signs of ancient microbial life as the rover explores a crater that billions of years ago might have been a large body of water like a lake.
- Characterize the geology and climate of Mars.
- Help pave the way for human exploration beyond the Moon.
- Key Messages
 - The Perseverance rover is the most capable rover ever sent to Mars and builds on the legacy of NASA's Mars Exploration Program and earlier rovers.
 - The mission embodies our nation's spirit of persevering even in the most challenging of situations, providing inspiration and advancing science and exploration. The mission itself personifies the human ideal of persevering toward the future.
 - The Mars 2020 mission is part of America's larger Moon to Mars exploration approach, which includes astronaut missions to the Moon that prepare for human exploration of the Red Planet.
 - NASA is committed to working with our international partners to accomplish stunning achievements in science, technology and exploration, and this mission reinforces those strong bonds.
 - Perseverance is the beginning of the first round-trip to another planet. The rover will collect rock and soil samples for return to Earth by future missions that could possibly confirm the ultimate astrobiology question: does life exist, or did it, elsewhere?
 - Perseverance carries the most sophisticated suite of instruments ever sent to Mars.
 - The mission addresses high-priority science goals to:
 - Return samples from Mars.
 - Search for clues about the potential for past life on Mars.
 - Find out what Mars' environment was like billions of years ago, and what might be preserved in the unique rocks of Jezero Crater.
 - Study what the planet's environment is like today.
 - NASA's robotic exploration of Mars is paving the way for future human missions to the Red Planet and will gather knowledge and demonstrate technologies that address the challenges of those human expeditions. Some relevant technologies include:
 - Entry, descent and landing technology.
 - In situ resource use.
 - Terrain-relative navigation.
 - NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter is the first aircraft humanity has sent to another world to attempt powered, controlled flight.
 - The public will get to ride along. The mission has more cameras than any previous interplanetary mission, and while we have "felt" vibrations in response to wind with the InSight lander's seismometer and "translated" them into sounds that we could hear with the human ear, two microphones on Perseverance will attempt for the first time to hear audio of the rover's operations and travels, as well as the environment at Mars.



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- Perseverance joins a fleet that right now includes a rover, a lander and multiple orbiters. This will be the 9th U.S. mission to land and the 5th rover. The U.S. is the only nation to successfully land on Mars.
- Mars is still hard. Only about 46 percent of all missions globally have been successful, and the U.S. is the only nation to land successfully.

Artemis Program's Human Landing Update

During a media interview Feb. 18, acting NASA Administrator Steve Jurczyk said NASA is reviewing the landing the date for the first woman and next man on the Moon as part of the Artemis program.

- The Biden Administration supports the goals of the Artemis program. We fully intend to maintain the continuity of purpose and direction of the Artemis program, and we are excited about next steps.
- We expect no major changes to domestic contracts. We are committed to our international partners in the Artemis mission. We're particularly grateful for the contributions that have been made by our international partners to the Gateway which will enable robust operations on the lunar surface while demonstrating key technologies necessary for a future human mission to Mars.
- Congress has provided substantial funding for Artemis and NASA's deep space exploration programs. However, given the funding levels for the human landing system over the last two years, a 2024 lunar landing goal does not appear realistic.
- In light of this, we are reviewing the program to ensure Artemis is implemented as quickly, efficiently, and effectively as possible within existing budgetary constraints.
- NASA regularly adjusts its plans to accommodate available budgets, partners, technologies and operational experience, which is what we are doing now and will continue to do throughout the life of the Artemis program
- We are excited to continue down this path.
- Additional points if needed:
 - The goal of this internal review – which will last about two months – is to evaluate the current Artemis program budget and timeline, and develop high level plans that include content, schedule, and budgets for the program.
 - The decision on Human Landing System (HLS) will be made in the next two months.

SolarWinds Cyberattack

Below is the latest statement we're providing the public and media who ask for comment about the SolarWinds cyberattack:

- On Dec. 13, the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (DHS/CISA) issued Emergency Directive 21-01 calling for all federal civilian agencies to review their networks for indicators of compromise and disconnect or power down SolarWinds Orion products immediately. A thorough and complete investigation into the government-wide SolarWinds cybersecurity incident and any impact to NASA remains a top NASA priority. NASA continues to work closely with other federal cybersecurity partners, including DHS/CISA, during our ongoing analysis. This analysis will take time to complete and therefore, we are unable to comment further at this time about our ongoing investigation.



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NASA Weighs Options for Additional Crew Transport for Spring Space Station Soyuz Flight

On Feb. 9, NASA posted a combined [synopsis/solicitation](#) entitled “International Space Station Seat Exchange.” The follow is NASA’s public statement on the synopsis posted as a [web article](#):

- A rotating crew of NASA and international astronauts have called the International Space Station home for [more than 20 years](#). To ensure a consistent U.S. presence on the space station through the years, NASA has implemented safeguards to ensure crew transportation is always available.
- NASA now is considering [obtaining](#) a supplemental seat on the upcoming spring Soyuz crew rotation mission for a NASA astronaut to add additional capability to the agency’s planning.
 - The agency issued a public synopsis to identify all sources that potentially could provide the crew transportation service in the needed timeframe beyond the capability NASA already has in operation with the agency’s Commercial Crew Program.
- NASA has been working with Boeing and SpaceX to provide safe and reliable crew transportation to and from the International Space Station. The recent success of NASA’s SpaceX Demo-2 mission and the launch and docking of the Crew-1 mission have been significant milestones in providing reliable transportation to the space station on American commercial spacecraft from American soil. The upcoming NASA’s SpaceX Crew-2 mission, as well as the second uncrewed flight test for Boeing’s Starliner demonstrate continued progress.
- Securing an additional Soyuz seat assures the back-up capability of at least one U.S. crew member aboard the International Space Station in the event of a problem with either spacecraft. NASA is considering providing in-kind services for this supplemental crew transportation service, rather than an exchange of funds.
- It has been NASA’s practice to fly mixed crews on spacecraft to ensure safe and continuous operations of the International Space Station.
- Due to operational constraints, crew members must fly to the station and return on the same spacecraft. The crew currently aboard the station (Kate Rubins and the Crew-1 astronauts) must return on Soyuz and Crew Dragon respectively in April/May. NASA’s SpaceX Crew-2 is expected to launch as planned April 20. However, if the mission launch is delayed or an event occurs while Crew-2 is in-orbit that requires a premature return, NASA risks not having a U.S. crew member aboard the International Space Station.
- “At NASA, we have a phrase we use often – dissimilar redundancy. That’s NASA speak for saying we always have a back-up plan that ensures we have a path forward even if we encounter an issue with our initial approach,” said Robyn Gatens, acting director for the International Space Station at NASA Headquarters. “We look forward to the next crew rotation on NASA’s SpaceX Crew-2 mission, and we’re looking to ensure we can continue to maximize our use of the station and minimize any risk by flying a U.S. astronaut on the upcoming spring Soyuz by providing in-kind services.”
- The space station has hosted 242 people and a variety of international and commercial spacecraft. Astronauts and cosmonauts have traveled to and from the orbiting laboratory in the Russian Soyuz spacecraft and NASA’s space shuttle until its retirement in 2011.
- Via the public synopsis, NASA aims to determine whether any sources could provide the crew transportation service in the needed timeframe. Submissions are due by Feb. 19.



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NASA Senior Climate Advisor

On Feb. 3, NASA announced it has created a new senior climate advisor position.

- In an effort to ensure effective fulfillment of the Biden Administration's climate science objectives for NASA, the agency has established a new position of senior climate advisor. Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, is serving in the role in an acting capacity until a permanent appointment is made.
- Acting NASA Administrator Steve Jurczyk says, "This position will provide NASA leadership critical insights and recommendations for the agency's full spectrum of science, technology, and infrastructure programs related to climate. This will enable the agency to more effectively align our efforts to help meet the administration's goals for addressing climate change."
- Acting NASA Chief of Staff Bhavya Lal says, "The complexities of climate processes still are not fully understood, and climate adaptation and mitigation efforts cannot succeed without robust climate observations, data, and research. The appointment of Gavin Schmidt will help ensure that the Biden Administration has the crucial data to implement and track its plan toward the path to achieve net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050, and a healthier, safer, more prosperous planet for our children."
- As a representative of the agency's strategic science objectives and accomplishments, the senior climate advisor will advocate for NASA climate investments in the context of broader government agendas and work closely with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Office of Management and Budget.
- NASA measures Earth's vital signs from land, air, and space with a fleet of satellites, as well as airborne and ground-based observation campaigns. The agency develops new ways to observe and study Earth's interconnected natural systems with long-term data records and computer analysis tools to better see how our planet is changing. NASA shares this unique knowledge with the global community and works with institutions in the United States and around the world that contribute to understanding and protecting our home planet.

Human Landing System Contract Extensions

Below is our response to the public and media who call for NASA comment about the agency's Human Landing System contract terms being extended from Feb. 28, 2021 to Apr. 30, 2021:

- Developing the [human landing system](#) (HLS) is a key component of successfully executing crewed demonstration missions to the lunar surface under the [Artemis](#) program. On Jan. 27, NASA notified its HLS contractors that a no-cost extension to each of their base period contracts will be required. The current 10-month base period contracts were set to conclude Feb. 28, 2021, and the agency plans to execute contract modifications to extend that period of performance through April 30, 2021. The timing of this extension is designed to allow NASA to complete the Option A evaluation, selection and award process and to preserve the ability to seamlessly transition from the base period contracts to the Option A contracts.

However, NASA may not need the full extension period to complete those activities, in which case the agency will execute Option A awards and transition to Option A performance as soon as the source selection has concluded. This extension is an administrative change and allows the [three selected U.S. companies](#) to continue HLS



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design and development activities as set forth in the firms' base period contracts, awarded in May 2020.

NASA is committed to establishing a sustained lunar presence, and this procurement action is consistent with the agency's strategy to uphold that commitment. HLS awards under the [Next Space Technologies for Exploration Partnerships \(NextSTEP-2\) Appendix H](#) Broad Agency Announcement are firm-fixed price, milestone-based contracts.

NASA Agency Economic Impact Report

NASA commissioned a study of the economic impact of its Moon to Mars program for fiscal year 2019 to better understand how its activities impacted the American economy. The FY 2019 study was completed by the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and NASA made the study public Sept. 25. The agency will perform an economic impact study every two years.

- With an investment of just one-half of 1% of the federal budget, NASA generates more than \$64.3 billion in total economic output annually.
- In pursuit of its mission to discover and expand knowledge for the benefit of humanity, the agency produced an economic benefit equal to three times its \$21.5 billion budget in FY2019.
- NASA employment and spending supports more than 312,000 jobs nationwide.
- NASA generates an estimated \$7 billion in federal, state, and local taxes throughout the United States.
- Every state in the country benefits economically through NASA. Forty-three states have an economic impact of more than \$10 million. Of those 43 states, eight have an economic impact of \$1 billion or more.
- The agency's Moon to Mars program, funded at \$4.9 billion for FY2019, supports more than 69,000 jobs and provides \$14 billion in economic output and \$1.5 billion in tax revenue. We anticipate these figures to double by 2021. There is \$4.9 billion in cost in FY2019 as compared to a budget projection of \$10.8 billion in FY2021.
- The average annual wage supported by NASA is \$75,657, whereas the national average is \$62,977 in comparable sectors.
- The wage data is a direct reflection of the highly skilled labor needed to fulfill the nation's space exploration goals. In addition to engineers and scientists so often associated with the space agency's work force, the data references specialized skills including IT operations, electronic equipment, software operations, research and development, manufacturing, education, administration and management.
- Approximately 22% of NASA's economic impacts are attributable to its Moon to Mars program, which includes NASA's Artemis program.
- According to a [2019 report](#) by the Space Foundation, 81 nations are active in space, employing more than one million people, and accounting for more than \$85 billion in annual spending. The global space economy has grown to more than \$400 billion.
- NASA had more than 700 active international agreements for various scientific research and technology development activities in FY2019. The International Space Station, representing 15 nations and five space agencies, has a predominant role in the agency's international partnerships.



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- NASA spinoff technologies provide an impact on American lives beyond dollars and jobs. For example, engineers at JPL developed, in just 37 days, a ventilator specifically for COVID-19 patients and, after securing an emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration, made the design available to select manufacturers at no cost.
- Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Texas, California, Utah, Ohio, Virginia, Louisiana, and Mississippi account for 96% of all Moon to Mars economic impacts, with Alabama, Colorado and Utah enjoying the largest concentration of those economic benefits.
- NASA initiatives and programs, along with the many other technologies required to make it all possible, represent a significant investment in our nation's industrial base and manufacturing capabilities, research and education endeavors, and national technology development. As of result of NASA missions, our 2019 tech transfer activities produced more than 1,800 new technology reports, filed 85 new patent applications, had 122 patents issued, and establish more than 2,600 software usage agreements.

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NASA uses the vantage point of space to understand and explore our home planet, improve lives and safeguard our future.

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NASA leads human space exploration in low-Earth orbit with commercial and international partners to enable missions to the Moon and Mars. International Space Station missions are a catalyst for economic development and the advancement of scientific knowledge and new technologies that improve our lives.

Tagline: **Leading Discovery, Improving Life on Earth.**

Moon to Mars

NASA is leading a sustainable return to the Moon with commercial and international partners to expand human presence in space and bring back new knowledge and opportunities.

Tagline: **Moon Lights the Way.**

Solar System & Beyond

NASA is exploring our Solar System and beyond, uncovering worlds, stars, and cosmic mysteries near and far with our powerful fleet of space and ground-based missions.

Tagline: **Discovering the Secrets of the Universe.**

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Hello,

Our current NASA holding statement is the following:

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Natasha

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Eric,

I’m ok with the chart and planned discussion; however, I recommend not discussing what we’ve done to date around the Lavender scare; instead just use our holding statement.

Thanks,

Greg

NASA exists to reach for new heights and reveal the unknown so that what we do and learn will benefit all humankind.

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Subject: Webb APAC presentation

Hi Greg, Paul,

This is an FYI on what I will present to the APAC w.r.t Webb S-band transponders (on 3/15). b5

I would simply say b5

b5

I would estimate that b5

Because b5 we might anticipate that b5

. Finally, these charts are typically provided to the committee prior to the meeting. Probably would be a good idea to give Thomas a heads up.

Eric

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Re: Webb APAC presentation

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To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Cc: Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>, Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS] <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>
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I'm fine with that.

Thanks,

Greg

On: 10 March 2021 12:18, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov> wrote:

OK. One of the APAC members was a co-author on the Scientific American article. I would anticipate that [b5] [b5] My proposed response would be, [b5]. Any issues?

Eric P. Smith

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mobile [b6]

From: Gregory Robinson <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 12:07 PM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Paul Hertz <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc]" <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>, "Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS]" <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>
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Sent: March 22, 2021 9:47:30 AM EDT
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Hi Brian,

Happy to chat anytime.

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On Mar 20, 2021, at 6:46 PM, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi b6

Thanks for the kind words on the symposium! We will definitely be working on an edited volume from this one.

Appreciate the heads up on b6 research. The James Webb question is certainly a topic of discussion at the moment. Look forward to discussing it with him.

I believe we should know something about the position soon. b6 There's a bit of transition at the moment, so we'll have to see how quickly things move forward. If you are interested and have time soon, I would be very interested in tagging up to discuss the direction of the history program. Again, thanks for your support for the symposium.

Best,

Brian

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From b6 >
Date: Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 3:09 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: b6
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congratulations, etc.

Hi Brian,

What a great seminar over the last 3 days! Thanks for putting it together; I know how hard that is to do, especially these days. I see you had an audience of hundreds; we could only dream of that back in my day during the in-person conferences. But perhaps the virtual meetings are better for their extended reach. Any plans for an edited volume? I have fond memories of my days putting those volumes together.

I wanted to give you a heads up that you may be getting a query from Jason Wright, an astronomer at Penn State. He is on a committee of the American Astronomical Society looking into the matter of the alleged suppression of homosexuals in the 1950s by James Webb, for which some people are calling for JWST to be renamed. I told him I thought the History Office was looking into this and suggested he contact you to see where your research stood. He's a good guy.

Also, just curious, has there been an announcement for NASA Chief Historian? Will you apply?

Best wishes,

b6

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

From: Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020) <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: March 22, 2021 10:57:01 AM EDT
Received: March 22, 2021 10:57:01 AM EDT

Do you need anything more on this beyond the holding statement? b5

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 7:20 PM
To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>; Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Cc: Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020) <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb
Importance: High

FYI – I haven't responded at this point—but probably should soon. Thoughts?

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From: Jason Wright b6
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 at 4:11 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

I'm writing on behalf of a committee at the American Astronomical Society regarding the naming of the James Webb Space Telescope.

We have been responding to member interest in the matter, as for instance articulated here:

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/nasa-needs-to-rename-the-james-webb-space-telescope/>
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that James Webb was involved in the "Lavender Scare" during the Truman administration when he was at the Department of State.

This matter is near and dear to many astronomers, as Franklin Kameny, one of the pioneers of the gay rights movement in the US, was an astronomer who was fired by the US government for being gay; and because many LBGTIQ+ astronomers work on or will work with JWST and it seems perverse to then name it after someone who would have had them fired.

Our instinct was to recommend that the AAS and/or NASA inform our deliberations by having historians look into the matter, since the evidence we have seen so far seems somewhat difficult to interpret to us as non-historians.

I contacted [b6] and he said that his understanding was that the NASA History Office was, indeed, already conducting such an effort, and suggested that I contact you about it to see where that stands.

Thanks for your time and assistance,

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Professor of Astronomy & Astrophysics

Director, Penn State Extraterrestrial Intelligence Center

Acting Director, Center for Exoplanets and Habitable Worlds

NEID Instrument Team Project Scientist

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@Astro_Wright

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Sent: March 22, 2021 12:49:28 PM EDT
Received: March 22, 2021 12:49:30 PM EDT

Good afternoon. Apologies for the delayed engagement on this. Below is our holding statement, which I think is where we remain with the language until the research is complete. Unless others have a concern, I think this is what we should use for consistency across our audiences. I've added Natasha and Liz for awareness, as well.

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

From: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 7:47 PM
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>; Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Cc: Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020) <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

Ok. Thanks Brian.

On: 21 March 2021 19:18, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Sounds good. I do, but not anyone who would help with this. I'll look into it Monday and see what we can do.

Brian

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Cc: "Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020)" <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

Hi Brian,

I think if you respond by Monday COB or Tuesday morning that would certainly be responsive time-wise. Progress seems gated at this point by access to the National Archives for **b6** Do you know anyone there that might move things along?

Eric

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Sent from my iPhone

Eric P. Smith

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
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To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: March 22, 2021 3:24:06 PM EDT
Received: March 22, 2021 3:24:28 PM EDT

Thank you for that! This is just what we wanted to know.

Yes, please do let me know when the NASA History office has something to share.

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 2:22 PM Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jason,

Hope you are well. Sorry for the delayed response—we held a symposium last week (NASA and commercial space) and I'm just now getting through emails. I can tell you that NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working within my division (NASA History) to examine his role in government, both during his early and NASA years. We are now in the thick of that research and will be providing the agency with our analysis soon.

Thanks for connecting with me on this important issue. More to come soon.

Best,

Brian

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To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: April 1, 2021 4:46:22 PM EDT
Received: April 1, 2021 4:46:23 PM EDT

Surely, she hit the NASA alum/astronomer/LGBTQ trifecta

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From: Paul Hertz <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 4:30 PM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Gregory Robinson <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Webb history effort

Sally Ride is another LGBT hero worth honoring.

I am assuming we will not rename Webb Telescope, so let's agree we need to announce the outcome of our review of Webb the man at least ?? weeks before we hold a shipping ceremony.

Paul

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To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>; Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on Webb history effort

Hi Paul,

I'll offer my opinion on the topic of timing. I think **b5**

b5. I think **b5**.

That said, if [b5], I could envision [b5]
[b5]
[b5] Not my first choice but it could [b5]
[b5]

Greg mentioned an idea [b5] a reasonable option. We'd have to [b5]
[b5]
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Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 3:52 PM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Gregory Robinson <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Webb history effort

Eric and Greg –

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[b5] ?

[b5]
[b5] ? That is the second question.

I think Eric's suggestion is a reasonable outcome. What are others? When we put the outcome in front of the Administrator, I presume we will say "we had three choices, and we chose this one."

Finally, even [b6] never gets into the archive, [b5]
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My two cents.

Paul

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Subject: Update on Webb history effort

Hi Paul, Greg,

Sean McCarville has worked with counterparts at MSFC to set up the funding for the contract that Brian Odom and I wrote for [b6]. The contract is for a month-long effort but can really only start when the National Archives open up. Whether this happens in time to provide meaningful input prior to the June APAC meeting depends on how quickly the National Archives opens up from COVID restrictions.

Assuming that this WON'T happen in time for the APAC or that this research provides no clear indication that Webb's actions were better or worse than we already know we'll have to have a plan for the lucky presenter at that APAC meeting.

[b5] Lacking any resolution by the APAC perhaps our plan should be [b5]

The notion was discussed about [b5] was suggested but [b5]. One option I mentioned to Brian was [b5]

[b5] To me this [b5] I would recommend [b5]

Eric

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RE: James webb

From: Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020) <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>
To: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
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I see the meeting on my calendar. I haven't had a chance to do any more legwork on b5 beyond the b5 suggestion I made, and am b6 next week before my detail but I can try to pull something together with Karen about options.

From: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
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To: Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020) <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>; Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: James webb

Hi Grey, Hi Brian

Heads up there's a james webb meeting on Wednesday. Do we feel prepped on next steps? thanks

Marc Etkind

Associate Administrator, Communications

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Re: JWST questions

From: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>, Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>, Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020) <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>, Davis, Jeanne (HQ-DH000) <jeanne.davis@nasa.gov>
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Yes, I like the idea of b5 [REDACTED] too.

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From: Paul Hertz <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
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To: Gregory Robinson <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>, "Hautaluoma, Grey (HQ-NA020)" <grey.hautaluoma-1@nasa.gov>, me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Jeanne Davis <jeanne.davis@nasa.gov>
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Grey –

There is no precedence for b5 [REDACTED]. I cannot think of a precedent on any NASA science mission at all. b5 [REDACTED].

There is a fine history of b5 [REDACTED]. I like Eric's idea.

One could even b5 [REDACTED].

Paul

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Adding Paul Hertz to the discussion.

Thanks,

Greg

NASA exists to reach for new heights and reveal the unknown so that what we do and learn will benefit all humankind.

Gregory L. Robinson

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Thanks, Eric, I really like b5 idea.

I'm also wondering about b5

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Hi Grey,

Just to "review the bidding". The physical building that houses STScI is the Steven Muller building. Muller was of Jewish descent and his German family escaped before Nazis killed them. He became an industrialist and later provost at JHU. b5 [redacted]

Within the building there is the Phil Sabelhaus flight control room, a room within the Mission Operations Center that actually commands and controls Webb. Phil was a project manager that started the development of Webb and later passed away very prematurely from cancer.

The main auditorium in the STScI building is named after John H. Bahcall (dedicated in 2007) for all the work John did in making Hubble a reality. b5 [redacted]

The database where Webb data will go is the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes ('nuff said)

I have proposed the following b5 [redacted]
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To follow up on our previous meeting, could you please remind me [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ? I believe we discussed [REDACTED] ? Also, is there [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ? Any other related ideas [REDACTED] would be appreciated before next week. Thanks.

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OK. I am available today at 4 or next week. Paul

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Why don't you and I give **b6** a call and see what he thinks about the notion of either **b5** **b5**, or have **b5** **b5** I hadn't discussed this with him.

I can see when he'd be available.

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To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
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Thanks Brian!

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
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Hi Marc,

Still working with Eric Smith from Webb program on the history piece. Researcher funded by Webb program to conduct the archival research has not been able to access those collections (pandemic shutdowns). I think we are still exactly where we were at the last meeting—no direct evidence either way for James Webb and his connection to Lavender Scare.

Let me know if we need to discuss.

Brian

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Marc Etkind

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Webb research

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Thanks b6 .

I do recall that passage from Johnson's book. It's an important point to bring into consideration. Cc'ing Brian too.

Best Regards,

Eric

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: b6 >
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 2:31:18 PM
To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Webb research

Hi Eric,

I thought you might want some extra background information that I found yesterday while doing some research on b6 . As you know from Johnson's book, Clifford Norton was fired from NASA in 1963 for "immoral, indecent, and disgraceful conduct." In other words, he was suspected of being gay. There is more to this story than is in the Johnson book.

Clifford Norton sued, and Norton v Macy was the first win for a dismissed homosexual in the court system. In 1969, the Appeals Court of DC sided with Norton that he was wrongfully terminated. As you know from the book, this did not stop the government from firing other gay employees. What is not in the book is some of the direct language from the legal briefs.

I think you will find this paragraph to be troubling. "a custom within the agency" sounds pretty bad

The peculiar feature of appellant's dismissal, however, is that it rests on none of these possible effects on the service. The NASA official who fired him, Mr. Garbarini, testified that appellant was a "competent employee" doing "very good" work. In fact, Garbarini was "not worried" about any possible effect on appellant's performance, and went so far as to inquire of personnel officers "if there was any way around this kind of problem for the man. * * *" He considered whether or not we had real security problems here to worry about" and concluded "there was not enough of that to influence me." Appellant's duties apparently did not bring him into contact with the public, and his fellow employees

were unaware of his "immorality." Nonetheless, Garbarini's advisers told him that dismissal for any homosexual conduct was a "custom within the agency," and he decided to follow the custom because continued employment of appellant might "turn out to be embarrassing to the agency" in that "if an incident like this occurred again, it could become a public scandal on the agency." (Norton v Macy et al., 417 F.2d 1161, (1969)

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In the dissent to the case, Judge Tamm refers to earlier precedent that allows agencies to use their own discretion in removing employees.

"This court plainly held in the case of Hargett v. Summerfield, 100 U.S.App. D.C. 85, 88, 243 F.2d 29, 32 (1957), that "employee removal and discipline are almost entirely matters of executive agency discretion," and "that, so long as there [is] substantial compliance with applicable procedures * * * the administrative determination [is] not reviewable as to the wisdom or good judgment of the department * * * exercising [its] discretion." (Citations omitted.)

NASA under the direction of Webb was able to set its own rules for whom should be removed and for what reasons. I cannot say for 100% certain at this point, but I believe [redacted]. It certainly appears that [redacted].

If you would me to further elaborate on this before you next meeting, let me know. I don't really see [redacted]. I don't even really see [redacted].

take care,
[redacted]

Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: JWST, Webb and the Truman Admin

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F7F524F8D7464966B90B4F3D43743CA8-ODOM, BRIAN>
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Excellent! Talk to you then!

Brian C. Odom, Ph.D.

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On: 11 April 2021 13:25, [REDACTED] wrote:

We can do both! 11am my time, 10am your time?

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On Apr 10, 2021, at 3:18 PM, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

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You bet. How about Monday at 10am or 11am et? Anytime in there would work.

Thanks

Brian C. Odom, Ph.D.

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Sent from my iPhone

On: 09 April 2021 17:29, [REDACTED] wrote:

Probably best as a phone call or quick Zoom/Teams meeting. Let me know if you would like me to schedule something.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2021, at 2:13 PM, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

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Good deal and no problem at all! I hadn't seen Jeff's article—thanks for sending that one. Yeah, it has heated up a bit. I'd be very interested in hearing your thoughts on the issue. Just about the issue in general. I'm digging around but finding nothing substantiating anything either way.

Brian

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: JWST, Webb and the Truman Admin

Brian,

No request, just trying to be helpful.

We're keeping an eye on the JWST launch schedule because the Museum is interested in working with GSFC on potentially acquiring Pathfinder for exhibit (a conversation that b6 began years ago and we've very recently reinvigorated.) I see that we just got a note to run that through b6, so that's encouraging.

In one of the latest pieces of news confirming the schedule, however, they mentioned the name controversy and named you as the POC. <https://spacenews.com/jwst-moving-towards-october-launch>
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b6, and I were discussing the whole thing informally during our department's weekly Teams happy hour last night. So b6 went and dug up his information today.

So, I'm not aware of any attention to this except within our department. Sorry, I should have added that context when I sent it. It's been a crazy email morning so I was rushing a bit.

b6

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: JWST, Webb and the Truman Admin

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Thanks, [REDACTED]. This is excellent information. One quick question, though, how did this request pop up to you? Just curious.

Brian C. Odom, Ph.D.

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Sent from my iPhone

On: 09 April 2021 11:51, [REDACTED] wrote:

Brian,

To the extent that it's helpful, here is some of the information about James Webb that NASM curators gathered some years ago.

You may know that [REDACTED] was working for a time on the Webb biography that he ultimately never completed. He'd rather NOT be consulted directly but he's willing to share this material.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Attached is a word document with details of the GWS Webb interviews with links to the transcripts themselves. You can certainly pass this on.

I am less sure about the preliminary draft chapter I was once working on for my planned Webb book. It was hardly finished or completely thought out and doesn't deal with McCarthyism, Lavender or personnel purges.

I doubt it would be helpful, and if triggered anyone as NASA to think I have something more to say, it would put me in an uncomfortable position, because I don't know what to say. In any case Martin Collins discusses with Webb his management philosophy at the state department in some detail here: NASM Oral History Project, Webb #8 (si.edu) <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://airandspace.si.edu/research/projects/oral-histories/TRANSCPT/WEBB8.HTM&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|a5a7e443c8ae42dba13908d8fd1735a3|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637537623414885417|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWl|joiMC4wLjAwMDAiL|CjQ|joiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=nBpt5PY1kq+5F116hwDBOFw3dT402mHr42S7laFWdWI=&reserved=0>>

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Re: Webb naming question

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Hi Grey,

That's correct. We announced the selection of the TRW-led team as the main industry partner (which was in the process of being acquired by Northrop-Grumman), and with that announcement we combined it with a name change from Next Generation Space Telescope to James Webb Space Telescope. Ironically, the Northrop business change also included them adopting the name "Northrop-Grumman Space Technology" (NGST). As I was in the room when O'Keefe announced his decision to rename the mission I'm pretty sure he had no knowledge what the new Northrop name would be.

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Subject: Webb naming question

Can someone tell me when we officially named the James Webb Space Telescope? I see 2002 on Wikipedia but wanted to confirm. Thanks.

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Talking points

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Thanks again [REDACTED]

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Talking points

Paul, Eric,

Here are the talking points and recommendations I spoke to today.

Let me know what I can do to help.

[REDACTED]

Talking points:

NGST was renamed JWST nearly 20 years ago (September 2002) to recognize the second NASA Administrator for his efforts in managing the country's early space program and initiating a vigorous space science program at the agency.

James Webb led NASA through a remarkable period of time filled with successes and has been recognized in multiple ways for doing so.

After nearly two decades of development under the JWST name, the telescope is nearly ready to ship to the launch site and will soon be conducting science in space.

Recognizing that not all of Webb's decisions and actions during his government service align well with current societal expectations and NASA's values today, a renaming of the telescope at this juncture is appropriate.

- Want focus to be on science and the mission, not the man.
- Want telescope to inherit the moniker of "The People's Telescope" after Hubble.
- Want to focus on, and reinforce, NASA's commitment to its core values, including diversity and inclusion.
- Want to be a leader in STEM engagement and D&I efforts in engineering and the sciences.

- Reference wording in Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement (Bridenstine, 4-Mar-2020)
- Reference wording in celestial image renaming press release: e.g.,
- “Science is for everyone, and every facet of our work needs to reflect that value.” (TZ)
- “Our goal is that all names are aligned with our values of diversity and inclusion.” (TZ)
- “Science depends on diverse contributions, and benefits everyone, so this means we must make it inclusive.” (Stephen Shin)

Recommendation

Be proactive. Preempt the possibility of being inundated with negative publicity.

Develop message and rename JWST as soon as possible.

Do not wait – once information in the archives becomes available, NASA will be in reactive mode if it has not already changed the name.

Do not wait – attention to this issue will only increase as launch approaches.

Do not wait – you want the story in the NYTimes to be POSITIVE, not NEGATIVE. (And yes, there will be a story at some point.)

Do not wait - No issue with the Hill if messaged properly. Now is probably a good time as attention is elsewhere.

Establish committee of 5-6 diverse individuals to provide recommended name to TZ and NASA Administrator.

Develop post-renaming message to address eventual release of archival historical information.

JWST options

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Below is a quick summary of the naming options available to us for the discussion at 5:

NAMING OPTIONS CONNECTED TO THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE

The James Webb Space Telescope was officially named after NASA's second administrator in 2002. Webb has been connected to the 'lavender scare,' which resulted in the expulsion of LGBTQ+ people from government based on their sexual orientation in the 1950s and 60s. Research on his direct involvement in that policy continues, but the controversy over Webb's potential involvement as a senior official at the State Department and at NASA has generated some questions about the naming of a NASA flagship mission after him.

The agency could b5 [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

THINGS TO b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted] but it is something that might be considered b5 [redacted]
[redacted]

- b5 [redacted] - We have never done this, which does not preclude doing it, but there is also the challenge because b5 [redacted]. There could also be b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted]
[redacted]

- b5 [redacted]
[redacted]

- b5 [redacted]
[redacted]

- b5 [redacted]
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- b5 [redacted]

b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted]

POTENTIAL b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted]

- b5 [redacted] to be discussed by NASA with community

A lesson to be learned from the JWST name concerns

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Hi Paul,

I had a further thought re. whether NASA should consider renaming the James Webb Space Telescope.

As I said on the phone, b5 [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

I do think that there is a lesson to be learned here: b5 [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

I also looked into why the San Francisco School Board voted to rename Abraham Lincoln High School (amongst 44 other schools). Per snopes.com, the school was on the list because of how Native Americans were treated under Lincoln’s presidency, “which included the continued, forced removal from ancestral lands and the mass execution of dozens of Dakota Sioux men in 1862.”

Cheers,

Tom

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Astronomy community and the Webb name

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Thomas -

Per our recent discussion, I contacted more than 10 members of the astrophysics community. They ranged from senior advisory committee leaders to early-mid career, and a diverse set (except no known members of the LGBTQ+ community). I asked three leading questions, and most of them talked extensively beyond answering the three leading questions.

1. Have you heard about the controversy over James Webb, the man?
NASA will decide to either change or not change the name of the James Webb Space Telescope.
2. Would you be disappointed if NASA did not change the name of the James Webb Space Telescope?
3. Would you be disappointed if NASA changed the name but did not name the telescope after a famous scientist or even a person?

There was broad consensus.

1. Everyone had heard something.

The level of familiarity with the story ranged from only a two sentence version (generally picked up from social media) to a fuller understanding of the story. A typical comment, "I have not heard a lot of rumbling except the echo chamber on twitter."

2. Nobody said they would be disappointed if we did not change the name.

The answers ranged from "it would be ridiculous to change the name at this point" to "if we do not change the name there will be people who are upset." Universally people commented that "everyone has an asterisk" and "most of community would be okay to not change the name." Many commented that their feeling would be different if James Webb had been outspokenly anti-gay. However several people commented that, although they would be okay with not changing the name, there was value in changing the name. "There is more willingness to change names now, climate open to possibility, taking down statues, renaming buildings." "I would probably change it just to make it go away." "Moderately disappointed if no name change, not expecting it to happen, pleasantly surprised if NASA did change the name." "Need a statement from NASA, also program to right the wrongs and be proactive on gay rights." "It would bother me a little if NASA changed the name because (even though I feel strongly about inclusiveness and kindness), some things are over reactions. Personally I would think we are overdoing it."

Several people commented that the very early career people might feel differently; I did not talk to anyone younger than an assistant professor level. Several people noted that NASA would take a hit from the ruckus stirred up by the LGBTQ+ activists. Several people noted that this could be portrayed as inconsistent with NASA's core value of inclusion.

3. Nobody minded if a new name was not a person.

"But we would be losing something in not celebrating the contributions of the people who came before us." "Get a good adjective with the essence of the mission." "Excitement would be that it is being renamed, less important is the new name."

Paul

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On it, thank you!

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

Karen –

I do not have a relationship with Dennis. We know each other by name and reputation, but nothing really beyond that.

So it sounds right that you should just go ahead and respond.

Paul

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So. . . yes, as Paul says the two options are either from Paul (though certainly could be Eric or Greg if we want to adjust), or I respond and say that it could be attributed to an "Agency spokesperson."

I can argue this either way – b5

What kind of a relationship do you have with Dennis, Paul? If you have worked with him before, then my inclination would be for you to say simply we are discussing this and I'm passing you to Karen Fox for the current NASA statement on it. If you don't have a relationship of trust with him already, then just pass to me and I'll respond!

Thanks,

Karen

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Karen Fox can inform us on the proper responder – probably either me as the addressee of the question, or Karen (or someone else from OComm) as the Agency spokesperson.

Paul

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

Hi Paul,

Here's the last version of the holding statement I've seen

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

Not sure what the proper protocol is on who responds.

Eric

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

Sounds good. Who should respond to Overbye? If me, what is the holding statement?

Paul

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

Hi Paul,

Just this morning I sent an email to Greg and Natasha about this topic. Greg recommended keeping with the current holding statement. CC'ing them here too.

Not sure how long that will be sufficient, but we certainly are taking this seriously.

Eric

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Karen and Eric –

How do you recommend I respond? Who else should we ask? Did Overbye contact anyone else?

Paul

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

Dear Paul,

I'm writing you about a potentially ticklish subject, trying to get ahead of the news -- if there is going to be any. As you know, a trio of astrophysicists wrote in Scientific American a few weeks back that Jim Webb didn't deserve to have his name on the new telescope because of his alleged involvement in the Lavender Scare when he was at the State Department back in the 1950s. Is NASA taking this seriously? Have you been hearing from the community or anyone else about this? What would it take to change the name if you did decide to do it? Who would have to decide --

Nelson, the Congress?

Apparently there was a famous case that resulted in a Supreme Court ruling that you couldn't be fired for being gay -- Norton vs. Macy -- in the 1960s while Webb was Administrator. Does anybody know anything about that, like whether he was involved?

I'd be grateful for any leads or advice. For the time being I'm happy to hear anything you want to say off the record if you want.

Thanks for reading so far,

Cheers,

Dennis Overbye

New York Times

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Re: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

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It will be interesting to see if he asks it again next week, and of course ultimately what he writes. Because he mistakenly cited the Norton vs Macy as a Supreme court case it tells me he really hasn't done much digging yet.

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Agreed! I just sent a note to Dennis with the statement, and that I'd be happy to talk to him on the phone if he wanted, but that we didn't have anything else I could share right now as it was an ongoing conversation.

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I'm ok with either approach. My main theme is that the holding statement is the extent of our response.

Thanks,

Greg

NASA exists to reach for new heights and reveal the unknown so that what we do and learn will benefit all humankind.

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Understood. And Greg just weighed in in a side conversation I had with him with the same thoughts.

I will let Dennis know that the statement is all we have at this point.

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I agree we should not out the historians. b5

Paul

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I'll defer to OCOMM on what they want to say, but the historians we are working with are Dr. Brian Odom, the acting NASA Historian, and [b6], an external historian with no NASA affiliation. I would not recommend saying the names [b5]. Also, just so all on the email chain are aware [b6].

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He wrote back to ask "which historians"?

[b5], and can just say
[b5]

But is it ok to [b5] or we could even [b5]
[b5]?

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Probably a good opportunity to avoid this time!

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

Thanks, Karen. Yet another opportunity to be on the front page of the New York Times passes me by.

Paul

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] what's in a name?

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Re: James Webb b5 /Etc.

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Sent: May 7, 2021 7:25:55 PM EDT
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Thanks, Eric. This all makes total sense. I'll take the lead on putting together b5 but will certainly keep you in the loop and stay connected on other pieces. Thanks for the heads up on the Overbye piece. Maybe we can chat sometime Tuesday morning before the media event or anytime after, if that's not needed.

Brian

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Subject: Re: James Webb b5 Etc.

Hi Brian,

I understand the intent behind action we got but have to admit feeling like a fish out of water on creating a combination b5 on the topic.

Seems like b5
[Redacted]

I think b5.

For the second thing here are some initial thoughts I had

b5
[Redacted]

Happy to add other things. We have a media day event on May 11 that Dennis Overbye (NY Times Science writer who is working on a story about this) is attending. I'm sure he may poke at this, but we'll see. What times might be good to talk next week?

Eric

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From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 1:49 PM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Subject: James Webb b5 /Etc.

Hey Eric,

Let me know what you think we should put together for this. I'll take a stab at what something like this would look like from my end.

Happy to tag up to discuss.

Brian

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Hi Paul,

I have incorporated all edits I have received in the attached. Chick has also looked through it and added his edits. The first document has "track changes" on and the second one has all edits accepted.

As soon as you approve, I will sign it and have it posted on the APAC website.

Many thanks,

Hashima

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Thanks, Brittany. Hadn't seen this one.

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Subject: RE: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy

Hi everyone,

In advance of tomorrow's JWST media day and new feature, I wanted to flag a Slate article published Friday about the telescope's name: <https://slate.com/technology/2021/05/james-webb-space-telescope-name.html>
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://slate.com/technology/2021/05/james-webb-space-telescope-name.html&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|26a99da45a5645fdb7b808d913cc7c3d|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637562591262989742|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=Tt+O1K4wqkMgpDKxVf1d5vC22X/1tqUHQdqX779XZ4o=&reserved=0>>.

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Brittany Brown

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Subject: Re: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy

Thanks. And as part of our research, can we b5

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I've asked the team for some details, and will share asap.

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Thanks for surfacing, really helpful. Can you tell me more about what Dr. Smith is preparing?

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Poor Greg. Excellent point on the media.

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Subject: Re: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy

Hi Brian,

Yes, saw this Friday night. Should make for some interesting potential questions. Fortunately, I'm not the senior NASA rep at the event and I can hand them off to Greg.

Media love controversy so they win in the end regardless of the decision.

Eric

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Thank you!

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Of course. Here you go:

“NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb’s role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency’s early years. Webb’s work as administrator laid the groundwork for today’s accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA’s work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.”

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Hi All – Can you please re-up the statement on this so I can make sure it reaches Sen. Nelson?

Thanks,

Jackie

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Thanks for the heads up, Brittany.

The Media Day speakers are prepped with talking points on the subject, but especially with this article it feels pretty certain we'll get questions on the subject. Dennis Overbye of NYT was asking about it as well. I provided him with our standing statement that we have historians looking into it – but he is planning to be at the Media Day tomorrow and I expect he'll ask too.

--Karen

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Hi Chick, Kelly, Paul,

I am attaching a list of possible agenda topics. At the end of the document, I have added Paul's table of APAC recommendations from March.

Thanks,

Hashima

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Re: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy

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I don't know if all the details are accurate, but the Norton case did happen in 1963 while Webb was the Administrator.

We are aware of the petition.

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Hi Eric and Brian,

There is a new public petition to rename the telescope and they are alleging that the following occurred while Webb was administrator:

“Notably, in the case Norton v. Macy, former NASA employee Clifford L. Norton sued for “review of his discharge for ‘immoral conduct’ and for possessing personality traits which render him ‘unsuitable for further Government employment.’”

Even though the Norton v. Macy case rose to prominence in 1969, the actual incident that led to Norton's dismissal took place in 1963 while James Webb was NASA administrator. Norton was arrested by DC police after having been observed speaking with another man, and was brought in for questioning on suspicion of homosexuality. While at the police station, NASA Security Chief Fugler was summoned to the police station, where he participated in Norton's interrogation. Upon Norton's release by DC police, NASA Security Chief Fugler then took Norton to NASA Headquarters, where he continued to interrogate him until the following morning. NASA subsequently fired Norton for suspicion of homosexuality, based on activities he was suspected of conducting during his personal time. We do not know of any consequences for NASA Security Chief Fugler, who conducted an extrajudicial interrogation on federal property”

Do you know if this description is true, and if this happened?

Regards,

Liz

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Subject: RE: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy

Hello all,

Flagging a Twitter thread posted by Chanda Prescod-Weinstein about renaming JWST, including a call to action for the public to sign a letter:

<https://twitter.com/IBJIYONGI/status/1397176237311791104>

<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://twitter.com/IBJIYONGI/status/1397176237311791104&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|79c6845debee4dca47df08d91f8b5e67|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637575505716577102|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicjQlJoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=V72NQ9U+C1dkGeU+CEIZB2mPWYDQ63ofmNmimWS1z68=&reserved=0>>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8JmMhcQgg434B3RxyNuar4wd2O31hNxQPLtKQyhmgUYB4CA/viewform>

<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8JmMhcQgg434B3RxyNuar4wd2O31hNxQPLtKQyhmgUYB4CA/viewform&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|79c6845debee4dca47df08d91f8b5e67|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637575505716587061|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicjQlJoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=WeOjC7KTMNMUL5RNaMVeG6y5p/PFOVKOpYcfuusQyD0=&reserved=0>>

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Brittany Brown

From: Brown, Brittany A. (HQ-NA030)

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 11:59 AM

To: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>; Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>; Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000) <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>; Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>; McGuinness, Jackie (HQ-NA000) <jackie.mcguinness@nasa.gov>; Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>; Fox, Karen C. (GSFC-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>

Cc: Dunbar, Brian (HQ-NA020) <brian.dunbar@nasa.gov>

Subject: RE: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy

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Re: FIRST STORY: Webb Telescope Name Controversy


From: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
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Sent: May 25, 2021 10:44:44 AM EDT
Received: May 25, 2021 10:44:59 AM EDT
Attachments: Webb White Paper.docx

Here is something Brian, b6 and I put together as background information. It is not for public release, but to inform senior leadership.

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From: "Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS]" <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 10:39 AM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>, "Fox, Karen C. (GSFC-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc]" <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
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Size: 21 KB (21,852 bytes)

Attachment #1

Webb White Paper.docx

Original view

2 pages (displayed on pages 11 to 12)

JAMES E. WEBB

NASA Administrator, February 14, 1961-October 7, 1968

James Edwin Webb was the second administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, formally established on October 1, 1958, under the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958.

In 1936 Mr. Webb became personnel director, secretary-treasurer and later vice president of the Sperry Gyroscope Company in Brooklyn, New York, before re-entering the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944 for World War II. After World War II, Mr. Webb returned to Washington and served as executive assistant to O. Max Gardner, by then Under Secretary of the Treasury, before being named as director of the Bureau of the Budget in the Executive Office of the President, a position he held until 1949. President Harry S. Truman then asked Mr. Webb to serve as Under Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State. When the Truman administration ended early in 1953, Mr. Webb left Washington for a position in the Kerr-McGee Oil Corp. in Oklahoma City, OK.

Webb's time in government service from 1945 to 1953 (as well as his time as NASA Administrator, 1961-1968) coincided with a period in American history known as the Lavender Scare—a period in which thousands of gay federal employees were purged from government positions due to their sexual orientation. The Lavender Scare was connected to the activities of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the “Red Scare” which viewed Communist sentiments as a subversive activity.

Webb's direct connection to the Lavender Scare came on in February 1950 when his deputy Undersecretary of State, John Peurifoy testified before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations that the State Department had itself purged 91 homosexuals. The revelation of these firings touched off additional Senate hearings regarding the status of other homosexuals in the federal workforce. ^{b5}

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James Webb returned to Washington on February 14, 1961, when he accepted the position of administrator of NASA. Under his direction the agency undertook one of the most impressive projects in history, the goal of landing an American on the Moon before the end of the decade through the execution of Project Apollo.

For seven years after President Kennedy's May 25, 1961, lunar landing announcement, through October 1968, James Webb politicked, coaxed, cajoled, and maneuvered for NASA in Washington. As a longtime Washington insider he was a master at bureaucratic politics. During his time, Webb worked diligently to enforce President Kennedy, and later President Johnson's, goals surrounding equal employment opportunity and civil rights at the agency.

However, his time as NASA Administrator also included the events leading to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia decision in *Norton v. Macy* (July 1969). This case originated from the firing of Clifford Norton in 1963 due to his sexual orientation. Norton appealed his firing for what NASA termed “immoral, indecent, and disgraceful conduct.” The Court's 1969 decision

ruled in favor of Norton's claim—a landmark^{b5}

[REDACTED]. Additionally, in the brief to the court, the NASA official who fired Norton, Mr. Garbarini, testified that the appellant, Mr. Norton, was a competent employee doing very good work. Gabarini asked the personnel officer if there was any way around firing Norton. The personnel office told him that dismissal for any homosexual conduct was a custom within the agency, implying that dismissal for homosexuality had happened in the past. In the dissent written by Circuit Judge Tamm, he also states that “employee removal and discipline are almost entirely matters of executive agency discretion.” This shows that NASA had decided that removal of homosexual employees would be its policy. They had a choice during Webb's tenure as administrator to set or change that policy.

Mr. Webb was in the leadership of NASA when tragedy struck the Apollo program. On January 27, 1967, Apollo-Saturn (AS) 204, was on the launch pad at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, moving through simulation tests when a flash fire killed the three astronauts aboard—“Gus” Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee. While the ordeal was personally taxing, whether by happenstance or design Webb deflected much of the backlash over the fire from both NASA as an agency and from the Johnson administration. While he was personally tarred with the disaster, the space agency's image and popular support was largely undamaged. Webb left NASA in October 1968, just as Apollo was nearing a successful completion.

Information on James Webb:

<https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/content/about/faqs/whoIsJamesWebb.html>

Information on the Lavender Scare:

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2016/summer/lavender.html>

Information on the Norton Case: <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/F2/417/1161/190082/>

Re: Renaming JWST

From: Zurbuchen, Thomas H. (HQ-DA000) <thomas.h.zurbuchen@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>, Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Sent: May 25, 2021 10:46:13 AM EDT
Received: May 25, 2021 10:46:14 AM EDT

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Webb was not named by an SMD or NASA process, hence the mess.

On: 25 May 2021 10:35, "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov> wrote:

There is already an NPD for naming missions: NPD 7620.1
<<https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/displayDir.cfm?t=NPD&c=7620&s=11>>

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[Redacted]
[Redacted] We will always do whatever the SMD AA, in consultation with us, wants to do.

Paul

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Subject: FW: Renaming JWST

FYI, a petition in circulation.

Related to this topic. I was thinking about b5
[Redacted]
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[Redacted], so I wanted to float the idea before initiating anything.

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From: "Gardner, Jonathan P. (GSFC-6650)" <jonathan.p.gardner@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 9:46 AM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Kartik Sheth <kartik.sheth@nasa.gov>, Hashima Hasan <hhasan@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: Renaming JWST

FYI.

Jon

From: Colon, Knicole D. (GSFC-6670) <knicole.colon@nasa.gov>
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To: jwstps@bigbang.gsfc.nasa.gov
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Subject: Renaming JWST

Hi all,

I just learned that this petition is circulating... <http://bit.ly/RenameJWST>
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http://bit.ly/RenameJWST&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|bbc1b7f30cc7414d6a2008d91f8bd824|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637575507747482527|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=ARVUBFyox2wvNwV6E5PE6D2YQNMVXX/A2bLZbL60e+M=&reserved=0>>

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This Week @NASA and NASA INTERVIEW PREP DOCUMENT - as of 5-28-21

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This Week @NASA

For June 1 – June 5, 2021

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First of all, we hope everyone had a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend with family and friends.

Notably, last week was busy and exciting! In case you missed it, NASA rolled out the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget last Friday. In a statement earlier last week about the President's FY 2022 funding request, NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson, said, "This budget request is evidence that NASA's missions contribute to the administration's larger goals for America: addressing climate change, promoting equity, and driving economic growth."

In his first address to the workforce, NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson will discuss the agency's plans for future climate science missions, the agency's plans for a robotic and human return to the Moon through the Artemis program, and more during a State of NASA event at 3 p.m. EDT Wednesday, June 2. The event will air live on NASA Television, the NASA app <<https://www.nasa.gov/nasaapp>>, and the agency's website <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://nasa.gov/live&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|637581468793930160|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=VMT7zsXHXmz3w1pFdHUdgWVLU0JL4terGu0hVbu1dl=&reserved=0>>.

NASA also is inviting employees and the public to be virtual guests for the next cargo launch <<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-sets-coverage-invites-public-to-virtually-join-next-cargo-launch>> to the space station from the Kennedy Space Center. NASA's commercial cargo provider SpaceX is targeting the launch of their 22nd commercial resupply services mission to the station at 1:29 p.m. EDT Thursday, June 3. See additional details below.

Also in the news, NASA will design a new set of Earth-focused missions to provide key information to guide efforts related to climate change, disaster mitigation, fighting forest fires, and improving real-time agricultural processes. The agency also will initiate the NASA TechRise Student Challenge <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.futureengineers.org/nasatechrise&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|637581468793930160|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=V17Nr4jwa79XiezfuvoeMOB2VDXbbyLTOUhXjuEJtc=&reserved=0>>, a new competition for the 2021-22 school year, providing student teams a chance to design, build, and launch experiments on suborbital rockets and high-altitude balloon flights.

To learn more about what's going on around the agency, view the latest edition of "This Week@NASA."

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NASA Sets Coverage, Invites Public to Virtually Join Next Cargo Launch

NASA commercial cargo provider SpaceX is targeting 1:29 p.m. EDT, Thursday, June 3, to launch its 22nd commercial resupply services mission to the International Space Station. Liftoff will be from Launch Complex 39A at the agency's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft will deliver new solar arrays to power future work aboard the orbiting laboratory, along with new science investigations, supplies, and equipment for the international crew. Live coverage will air on NASA Television <<http://www.nasa.gov/nasatv>>, the NASA app <<https://www.nasa.gov/connect/apps.html>> and the agency's website <<https://www.nasa.gov/live>>, with prelaunch events starting Wednesday, June 2.

NASA Schedules Live Coverage of Russian Spacewalk

Two Russian cosmonauts are scheduled to conduct a spacewalk outside the International Space Station Wednesday, June 2, to continue preparing the Pirs docking compartment airlock for undocking and disposal later this year. Live coverage will begin at 1 a.m. EDT, with the spacewalk beginning about 1:20 a.m. on NASA Television, the agency's website <<https://www.nasa.gov/nasalive>>, and the NASA app <<https://www.nasa.gov/nasaapp>>.

New NASA Earth System Observatory to Help Address, Mitigate Climate Change

NASA will design a new set of Earth-focused missions to provide key information to guide efforts related to climate change, disaster mitigation, fighting forest fires, and improving real-time agricultural processes. With the Earth System Observatory, each satellite will be uniquely designed to complement the others, working in tandem to create a 3D, holistic view of Earth, from bedrock to atmosphere.

New NASA Student Challenge Offers Hands-On Tech Development

As previously stated, NASA will initiate a new competition for the 2021-22 school year, providing student teams a chance to design, build, and launch experiments on suborbital rockets and high-altitude balloon flights. NASA and

Future Engineers, the challenge administrator, will offer a series of virtual events for educators to hear from agency experts and learn more about this exciting opportunity for students.

The NASA TechRise Student Challenge

<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.futureengineers.org/nasatechrise&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637581468793940116|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=XWBZKYaaKcVdvpP82dGFBNAtwJA8UwnmBc7CfTyXiOOg=&reserved=0>> will begin accepting entries in August. Teams of sixth- to 12th-grade students can submit ideas for climate or remote sensing experiments to fly on a high-altitude balloon, and space exploration experiments to fly aboard a suborbital rocket.

METRICS

May 28, 2021: Weekly Digital Metrics Summary

- A flagship Instagram post

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rtz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637581468793950071|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=Zda1LtZUPJLACIIP7gWiU3fmmRQZa72JJTHHW/Zyyo=&reserved=0> featuring a photo of Istanbul glowing at night is now the most-engaged flagship Instagram post since March. This flagship post has received above average post engagements with a total of 2.8M compared to the current average of 1.1M engagements per post when looking at the last three months. A notable mention

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://twitter.com/imamoglu_int/status/1397656171981459460?s=21&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637581468793950071|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=wYOskugQmup+HabFzGjL1CT++IJLGlwHOqf4v5a95BE=&reserved=0> of the flagship post came on Twitter from the mayor of Istanbul, who has a follower base of 110K, with the tweet saying “Hey @nasa <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://twitter.com/NASA&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637581468793960027|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=ShIEoUrJp5nCHdEaG/uSBulOWMyjZXhntzngCQ6zjLY=&reserved=0>>, thanks for reminding us tonight that Istanbul looks just as gorgeous from space!”

- Over the past 30 days there has been a continued public interest in sounding rocket missions, which have been viewable from a large portion of the Eastern seaboard, and resulted in significant growth of followers across NASA Wallops social accounts. Within that timeframe, combined the Twitter

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://twitter.com/NASA_Wallops&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637581468793969983|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=cNZPD6QuYv0sfuiMTRoqNFki09PCMSvrRLurOvhj8Xk=&reserved=0> and Facebook

<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.facebook.com/NASAWFF/&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637581468793969983|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=INxAvdjzY43pi0hnFPdF9IKd3WMeh4fxLFh8V22JTd0=&reserved=0>> accounts gained 85K new followers compared to the previous 30 days where the accounts gained 1.5K followers.

- A Puerto Rican music artist, Gabriela Berlinger

<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.instagram.com/gabrielaberlinger/&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|ab0f11cc9ba349a5174c08d924f7c10c|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637581468793979940|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=7ZKFjMGnHmiHC2B+2/OSDQ/sc7If9RcpLADen4iqVMU=&reserved=0>> who has over 1.5 million followers on Instagram shared a recent flagship post on the platform featuring a Hubble Image within her Instagram story. This is a valuable mention as Gabriela communicates to a diverse Spanish-language and international audience.

ENTERTAINMENT ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNER SHIP ACTIVITIES

- William Shatner will be reading a piece of writing by Ray Bradbury to be used TBD

- Anthony Rapp from Star Trek Discovery will be moderating this year’s San Diego Comic-Con virtual NASA panel which will deal with space and the origins of life.

FULL SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTS

Tuesday, June 1

Activities

- LGBT Pride Month (June)
- ISS Downlink: Thomas Pesquet w/ ESA PAO Educational Event
- Thomas Zurbuchen in ESA Webb Press Briefing
- Armstrong: NASA TechRise Kick-Off at the U.S. Department of Education's ED Games Expo
- Megan McArthur with People Magazine

Products

- Earth: JPL Web Article: Orbiting Carbon Observatory-3 Measures Carbon Over L.A. Megacity
- Earth: Marshall Web Article: Lightning Signals Intensity of Hurricanes
- Flight: Langley Web Article: NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC) Shell Buckling Knockdown Factor Project
- Humans in Space: Johnson Image/Video, Social Media Activity: NASA Knowledge: Three Spacecraft Record
- Humans in Space: Ames Web Article: Feature: Cell Science-O4
- Humans in Space: Kennedy Other: Educational Launch of Nanosatellites 36 (ELaNa 36) Fact Sheet
- Humans in Space: Kennedy Blog Post: CRS-22 Blog Post: Spacecraft Integration
- Moon to Mars, Space Tech: Goddard Web Article: NASA's Laser Communications Relay Demonstration Payload Arrives in Florida
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Web Article: NASA's Lucy in the Clean Room (Image Feature)
- Solar System and Beyond: Johnson Image/Video, Social Media Activity, Web Article: On This Day In History: Launch of Mariner 9
- Wallops Web Article: Minotaur I Rocket Launching June 15 from NASA Wallops

Wednesday, June 2

Activities

- "State of NASA" Address to Workforce from Administrator Senator Bill Nelson
- SpaceX CRS-22 prelaunch news conference
- Russian EVA 48 (Novitskiy and Dubrov)
- Tennessee Valley Corridor (TVC) Annual Summit
- CBS News 60 Minutes interviews with James Webb Space Telescope team
- Astronaut Jessica Meir with Ocean Conservancy

- Astronaut Jessica Meir with the Brown Daily Herald
- Astronaut Scott Tingle for University of Massachusetts 4-H
- Interview- National Parks Traveler w/ Ben Cook about Climate

Products

- Earth: JPL Web Article: Permian Basin Super-Emitters
- Earth, Education. Humans in Space, Flight, Moon to Mars, OLIA, Solar System and Beyond, Space Tech: NASA HQ Social Media Activity; Speech: "State of NASA" Address to Workforce from Administrator Senator Bill Nelson
- Humans in Space: Johnson Image/Video: Russian EVA 48 (Novitskiy and Dubrov)
- Humans in Space: Johnson Web Article: Astronaut Chris Cassidy for Space Flight Awareness Safety Awards
- Humans in Space, Earth: Kennedy Blog Post: ELaNa 36 launching on CRS-22
- Marshall Exhibits: Tennessee Valley Corridor (TVC) Annual Summit
- Solar System and Beyond: NASA HQ Media Release, Social Media Activity: [TENT] Science Mission Directorate science announcement

Annual Events

- Birthday: Astronaut Pete Conrad (Gemini V, XI, Apollo 12, Skylab) birthday(1930)

Thursday, June 3

Activities

- SpaceX's 22nd resupply mission to space station, with new solar arrays
- Student Launch Virtual Award Ceremony
- Interview- Brains on Podcast w/Dr. Nicky Fox about the Sun
- Astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson for Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) Expanding the Color Universe
- Astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli for Willow Road Elementary School, N.Y.

Products

- Education: Marshall Media Advisory, Social Media Activity: Student Launch Competition virtual awards
- Flight: Ames Web Article: Unmanned Aircraft Systems Traffic Management (UTM) project close-out image feature
- Humans in Space: Johnson Space Center: Blog Post; Image/Video; Social Media Activity: SpaceX's 22nd resupply

mission to space station, with new solar arrays

- Humans in Space: NASA HQ Blog Post, Image/Video, Media Release, Social Media Activity

SpaceX CRS-22 post-launch release

- Moon to Mars: JPL Web Article: Perseverance's First Science Campaign Is Underway
- Moon to Mars: Web Article: InSight Is Managing Power Levels Through Winter
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Web Article: OSIRIS-REx Celebrates Perfect Departure Maneuver From Asteroid Bennu
- Solar System and Beyond: JPL Web Article: Juno's Ganymede Flyby
- Space Tech: NASA HQ Media Advisory: NASA to announce first place winner of the Vascular Tissue Challenge
- Space Tech: Goddard Web Article: Getting Data to the Ground with Lasers: A Look at NASA's Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD) Ground Stations
- Space Tech: Goddard Web Article: Feature: NASA Collaboration Using Harvard Technology Could Advance Earth Science from Orbit

Annual Events

- Anniversary: Gemini IV (McDivitt, White) launch & 1st US EVA (1965)

Friday, June 4

Activities

- Gateway's Jon Olansen w/ University of Notre Dame publication
- Astronaut Jessica Meir for University of California Irvine
- Clubhouse event with NASA Chief Scientist Jim Green

Products

- Earth: Ames Web Article: Satellite Senses Amazon Rainforest Seasonality
- Humans in Space: Johnson Podcast: Houston, We Have a Podcast "International Space Station and Beyond"
- Humans in Space: Johnson Web Article: TENT: NASA issues research announcement for private astronaut missions
- Kennedy Media Release: NASA Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) announcement
- Moon to Mars: Marshall Image/Video: Image Release: Space Launch System Core stage prepared for stacking in Vertical Assembly Building (VAB)
- Solar System and Beyond: Goddard Image/Video: Hubble Friday image and caption

- Solar System and Beyond: NASA HQ Podcast, Other: Gravity Assist with Darlene Lim of NASA Ames
- Space Tech: KennedyMedia Release: NASA's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research announces awards for suborbital flight opportunity research

Annual Events

- Anniversary: Last Shuttle (STS-91) Mir Docking (1998)

Saturday, June 5

Activity

- SpaceX CRS-22 rendezvous and docking
- SpaceX/CRS-22 Cargo Dragon Docking to Harmony Zenith

Products

- Humans in Space: Johnson Blog Post; Image/Video; Media Release; Social Media Activity: SpaceX CRS-22 rendezvous and docking
- Humans in Space: Johnson Blog Post; Image/Video; Social Media Activity: SpaceX/CRS-22 Cargo Dragon Docking to Harmony Zenith

Annual Events

- Birthday: Two-time NASA Administrator James Fletcher birthday (1919)

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RECENT HOT TOPICS

Fiscal Year 2022 NASA Full Budget Proposal

On May 28, the Biden-Harris Administration released the full budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2022.

- President's Fiscal Year 2022 budget requests \$24.8 billion for NASA, an increase of more than 6% over what the agency received the previous year.

Overarching Points

- This funding request demonstrates the president's commitment to NASA and the people across the agency and its partners who have worked so hard this past year under the most difficult circumstances and achieved unprecedented success.
- The NASA workforce and the American people should be encouraged by what they see in this budget request. It is an investment in our future, and it shows confidence in what this agency has to offer. We owe it to the president and the American people to be good and responsible stewards of every tax dollar invested in NASA.
- This budget request includes the strongest NASA budget ever for science, which will help address the climate crisis at home and abroad, as well as advance robotic missions that will pave the way for astronauts to explore the Moon and Mars.
- This is also the strongest budget for exploration since the Apollo program.
- This budget request will restore America's global standing, promote racial and economic equity, and drive economic growth.

Supports Human Exploration of the Moon, Mars, and Beyond

- The president's funding request increases funding for Artemis by \$350 million and gives us the resources to advance America's bipartisan Moon to Mars space exploration plan, agreed to by the Administration and Congress.
- This request keeps us on the path toward a regular cadence of Artemis missions with crew to the Moon by the middle of the decade.
- NASA's human landing system contract award, with the goal of a human demonstration mission to the lunar surface by 2024, is under protest.
- NASA is currently reviewing the overall Artemis timeline based on appropriations and expected budget, and outcome of the human landing system protest. We hope to provide an updated Artemis timeline later this year following conclusion of the protest.
- The FY2022 budget request assumes an Artemis I launch no earlier than November 2021, an Artemis II launch no earlier than September 2023, followed by Artemis III targeted for late 2024 and Artemis IV for late 2025. Landing the first woman and first person of color on the lunar surface as part of the Artemis program will promote equity – signaling to every American they too can see themselves among the stars.
- With NASA's Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft, as well as U.S. commercial partnerships with the human landing system and Gateway lunar outpost, we will send astronauts to the Moon to test technologies and exploration practices that will make future missions more productive than ever before.
- This budget funds an upgraded Space Launch System, known as Block1B, that can deliver larger cargos to lunar orbit.

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- Gateway, built with our commercial and international partners, is important to sustainable lunar operations.
 - The foundation of our lunar outpost is targeted to launch no earlier than November 2024, with additional modules from our international partners launching later.
- We are working day and night to reduce risks and overcome the challenges of long-term human exploration of the Moon and Mars.
- The budget funds early design work and planning for additional surface architecture necessary including the lunar terrain vehicle and surface habitats to ensure our astronauts can explore more of the Moon than ever before and stay for increasingly longer periods of time in deep space.
- NASA's Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative is advancing technologies to support mission operations on the Moon. This budget includes funding for the preliminary design of a fission surface power system that could power operations on the Moon and Mars.

Further Robotic Exploration of the Solar System and the Universe

- This funding request also furthers robotic exploration of the solar system and the universe.
- The budget provides more than \$650 million for the Mars Sample Return mission, the highest priority large mission in planetary science.
- It includes strong support for planetary defense, including the near-Earth objects (NEO) Surveyor mission to detect asteroids and comets that could potentially impact Earth.

Enhances Research and Development at NASA

- This funding request supports continued progress developing cutting-edge space technologies, transformative capabilities, and renewable energy, all of which feed the economy and create good paying American jobs.
- Investing in new technologies enhances NASA's missions and fosters the growing space economy.
- NASA routinely demonstrates new technologies, reducing overall risk and encouraging industry adoption. The budget includes \$500 million for technology demonstrations.
- It fully funds the On-orbit Servicing, Assembly, and Manufacturing 1 (OSAM-1) mission. Robotically refueling a satellite and manufacturing and assembling spacecraft parts in-orbit will foster a more sustainable space economy.
- Launching next month, our Laser Communications Relay Demonstration will demonstrate a technology that can provide 10-100 times better data rates than commonly used radio frequency communications systems. In the coming years, we'll further refine laser communications technology for use in deep space.
- More than \$280 million would be directed toward small business innovation research and technology transfer. The increase of \$60 million will provide more money to small companies to research new ideas and develop innovative solutions to challenging problems.
- An investment in NASA and space infrastructure reaffirms our nation is the world's premier partner in space collaboration, and we will be for decades to come.
- We are investing in aviation to make our skies safer, our fuels cleaner, and to get you to your destination faster than ever before. This also includes investing in next-generation



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aeronautics research that will safely integrate automated aircraft systems with piloted airplanes.

- This budget enhances American competitiveness in the global aviation industry including the first two flights of new X-57 and X-59 aircraft.
- NASA aeronautics is leading transformation of the way people and goods are moved through Advanced Air Mobility (air taxis, drone cargo deliveries, etc.), an emerging market expected to be worth \$115 billion a year by 2035.
 - It will help safely deliver revolutionary aviation capabilities to previously underserved local, regional, intraregional, and urban areas. NASA investments today will spur the advancements of tomorrow.
- The budget provides a \$30 million increase to accelerate transformative science at the frontiers of biological and physical sciences research in space.

Advances Climate Science

- Climate change has increasing economic and national security impacts, and this budget increases investments in climate research and science programs.
- This funding increases our ability to better understand Earth and how it works as an integrated system, from our oceans to our atmosphere and how it all impacts our daily lives.
- NASA is developing the next-generation Earth System Observatory. NASA's new Earth System Observatory will provide the world with an unprecedented understanding of our Earth's climate system, arming us with next-generation data critical to mitigating climate change, and protecting our communities in the face of natural hazards.
 - The Earth System Observatory will help improve our understanding of extreme weather events and our decision making on climate resilience, adaptation, and mitigation. It will also inform decisions that ensure communities have the resources they need to build resilience prior to these crises.
- Research on zero-emissions aviation
 - NASA Aeronautics is partnering with industry, academia and other agencies through the Sustainable Flight National Partnership to accomplish the aviation community's aggressive climate change agenda. Through advanced vehicle technologies, efficient airline operations and sustainable aviation fuels, collectively NASA and our federal government and industry partners aim to reduce carbon emissions from aviation by half by 2050, compared to 2005, and achieve net-zero emissions by 2060.
- NASA continues to lead the development of new small spacecraft capabilities. For example, small platforms can enable distributed observations for climate science.

Builds a Diverse Future STEM Workforce

- This budget invests in the Artemis Generation. It requests funding for NASA's STEM engagement efforts for the first time in five years to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and explorers by supporting the agency's STEM efforts.
- With this budget, NASA will increase funding for Space Grant and MUREP and will work with university and consortia partners to implement initiatives focused on diversity, equity and inclusion.



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- NASA taps into the skills of a diverse group of partners and reaches new groups through our small business programs, academic partnerships, and prizes, challenges, and crowdsourcing activities.
- The Space Technology Mission Directorate is collaborating with OSTEM's Minority University Research and Education Project to offer research planning grants and incentivize partnerships between minority-serving institutions and small businesses, setting them up to apply to NASA opportunities.

Continues Research on the International Space Station

- The space station is a convergence of science, technology, and human innovation that demonstrates new technologies and enables research not possible on Earth. The space station remains the springboard to NASA's next great leap in exploration, including future human missions to the Moon and eventually to Mars.
- With continued support for the International Space Station and the Artemis program, the president welcomes the international community to join us as we push human exploration deeper into space.
- This budget supports early design maturation of multiple commercially owned and operated low-Earth orbit (LEO) destinations (free flyers) from which NASA, along with other customers, can purchase services and stimulate the growth of commercial activities in LEO.
- In addition to maintaining continuous U.S. access to a space station in LEO, these new and more cost-effective platforms will democratize access to space by lowering the barriers to entry for the next generation of researchers, technologists, and tourists.

Earth System Observatory

On May 24, the White House and NASA announced new Earth System Observatory missions to help address and mitigate climate change:

- NASA will design a new set of Earth-focused missions to provide key information to guide efforts related to climate change, disaster mitigation, fighting forest fires, and improving real-time agricultural processes.
- With the Earth System Observatory, each satellite will be uniquely designed to complement the others, working in tandem to create a 3D, holistic view of Earth, from bedrock to atmosphere.
- "I've seen firsthand the impact of hurricanes made more intense and destructive by climate change, like Maria and Irma. The Biden-Harris Administration's response to climate change matches the magnitude of the threat: a whole of government, all hands-on-deck approach to meet this moment," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "Over the past three decades, much of what we've learned about the Earth's changing climate is built on NASA satellite observations and research. NASA's new Earth System Observatory will expand that work, providing the world with an unprecedented understanding of our Earth's climate system, arming us with next-generation data critical to mitigating climate change, and protecting our communities in the face of natural disasters."
- The observatory follows recommendations from the 2017 Earth Science Decadal Survey by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, which lays out ambitious but critically necessary research and observation guidance.
- Areas of focus for the observatory include:



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- Aerosols: Answering the critical question of how aerosols affect the global energy balance, a key source of uncertainty in predicting climate change.
- Cloud, Convection, and Precipitation: Tackling the largest sources of uncertainty in future projections of climate change, air quality forecasting, and prediction of severe weather.
- Mass Change: Providing drought assessment and forecasting, associated planning for water use for agriculture, as well as supporting natural hazard response.
- Surface Biology and Geology: Understanding climate changes that impact food and agriculture, habitation, and natural resources, by answering open questions about the fluxes of carbon, water, nutrients, and energy within and between ecosystems and the atmosphere, the ocean, and the Earth.
- Surface Deformation and Change: Quantifying models of sea-level and landscape change driven by climate change, hazard forecasts, and disaster impact assessments, including dynamics of earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, glaciers, groundwater, and Earth's interior.
- NASA currently is initiating the formulation phase for the observatory.
- Among its first integrated parts is NASA's partnership with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which brings together two different kinds of radar systems that can measure changes in Earth's surface less than a half-inch.
 - This capability will be utilized in one of the observatory's first missions intended as a pathfinder, called NISAR (NASA-ISRO synthetic aperture radar).
 - This mission will measure some of the planet's most complex processes such as ice-sheet collapse and natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and landslides. NISAR can assist planners and decision makers with managing both hazards and natural resources in the future.

Hurricanes and NASA

June 1 is the official start of hurricane season for the Atlantic Ocean.

- After 2020 brought a record number of named storms in 2020, NASA is once again prepared to help understand and monitor these storms from its unique vantage point of space.
- NASA develops and launches satellites for NOAA, which is the lead federal agency for forecasting hurricanes. But the science of hurricanes doesn't start – or end – with forecasting.
- Global warming is increasing the heat in the ocean basins and already making it more likely that storms will intensify faster and be stronger, a phenomenon NASA scientists continue to study deeply.
- With the challenge posed by climate change, NASA has never been more committed to innovation in Earth science research.
 - Our next-generation Earth System Observatory, announced on May 24, missions will help us understand extreme weather events and other climate-fueled hazards to inform the solutions of the future.
- NASA researchers and data also support U.S. stakeholders before, during and after storms make landfall.
 - Stages of NASA Data:
 - Pre-storm assessment (feed weather prediction and forecasting models)



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- Near-real-time assessment (identify potential impacts ahead of landfall)
- Post-storm assessment (help identify needs for support after landfall)
- Data access and visualization
- The [NASA Disasters Mapping Portal](#) takes disaster-related data and puts it into understandable, usable formats real-time use and application with the goal to bridge the gap between science products and the people who can use the data to assist in preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery.
 - After a hurricane makes landfall, NASA satellites are in prime position to identify impacts such as damage, flood depth and extent, power outages, rainfall accumulation, landslide risk, and even soil moisture.
 - That information helps local governments, the Army Corps of Engineers, and FEMA monitor infrastructure failures and disruptions, isolate contaminated water supplies, and identify hotspots for urgent response needs.
- NASA also does plenty of its own deep research on hurricanes and tropical cyclone dynamics. A few examples among many:
 - NASA's Global Modeling and Assimilation Office is pioneering the use of ultra-high-resolution global weather and micro-climate models.
 - The CPEX-AW airborne campaign planned in the Caribbean this August and September will pilot new technology to use LiDAR to better understand atmospheric winds and convective clouds in tropical storms.
 - NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is studying the use of artificial intelligence/machine learning to improve hurricane prediction capabilities using NASA satellite data.

Search for Life, Technosignatures, and UAP/UFOs

Public and media interest in the topic of Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon/Unidentified Flying Objects (UAP/UFOs) has seen an uptick in recent weeks following reports about the Department of Defense's release of three unclassified Navy videos. Likewise, the 2021 Intelligence Authorization Act, signed in December 2020, stipulated the government had 180 days to gather and analyze data from disparate agencies. Below is our response to the public and media who call for NASA comment:

- One of NASA's key goals is the search for life in the universe. To date, NASA has yet to find any credible evidence of extraterrestrial life, however, NASA is exploring the solar system and beyond to help us answer fundamental questions, including whether we are alone in the universe. We stand ready to support the rest of the government in the search for life in the universe, be it close to home, on the planets or moons of our solar system, or deeper into space.

NASA Administrator Fighting for Funding for NASA Missions

On May 19, NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson testified virtually about NASA's fiscal year 2022 budget in front of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Sen. Nelson emphasized the support necessary to continue pursuing NASA's goals and missions. On May 21, he sent a [video](#) and following message to NASA employees:

- President Biden's discretionary funding request for NASA – \$24.8 billion – clearly demonstrates the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to NASA, especially in light of the difficult circumstances of the past year. The full details of the president's budget



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request are expected next week and will provide further insight into funding for all NASA programs.

Of course, NASA's goals and missions are challenging and require robust funding to see them through to completion. That's why I asked Congress yesterday, in a hearing before the House Appropriations Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee, to include NASA in the upcoming American Jobs Plan, in addition to the president's full budget request.

NASA missions support tens of thousands of jobs nationwide and the Jobs Plan's focus on infrastructure, research, and development is an opportunity for Congress to include funding for NASA's critical missions, including the Artemis program, while also supporting good-paying American jobs.

China's Zhurong Mars rover landing last week is an example of why NASA's inclusion in the Jobs Bill is important – there is no time to wait.

Investments in technologies like nuclear thermal propulsion, advanced spacesuits, and updated, green infrastructure at our centers are important to our nation and NASA's future as a leader in space, innovation, and jobs around the country. I'm fighting to ensure the agency has the resources we need to continue that incredible legacy.

China Mars Lander

On May 14 (Eastern Time), China's Tianwen-1 orbiter deployed its rover, recently named "Zhurong," to the surface of Mars. NASA has been asked to comment on several aspects of the landing. On May 19, NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson issued the following statement after the China National Space Administration's (CNSA's) release of the first photos from the Zhurong Mars rover:

- "Congratulations to the China National Space Administration on receiving the first images from the Zhurong Mars rover!" Nelson said. "As the international scientific community of robotic explorers on Mars grows, the United States and the world look forward to the discoveries Zhurong will make to advance humanity's knowledge of the Red Planet. I look forward to future international discoveries, which will help inform and develop the capabilities needed to land human boots on Mars."

CNSA's successful landing of the Zhurong rover last week makes it only the second nation to ever land successfully on Mars. Zhurong joins active NASA missions – the Curiosity and Perseverance rovers and Insight Lander – in exploring the surface of the Red Planet.

- The week of May 16, media outlets asked whether CNSA used NASA animation from a Mars mission a decade ago for animation related to its Zhurong Mars lander. The following is our response:
 - NASA's imagery is made freely available for use by the public.
 - If pressed for more:
 - For questions about the Zhurong animation, please check directly with the China National Space Administration.



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- NASA also was asked the week of May 16 whether the agency's InSight Mars lander was able to detect Zhurong's landing. The following is our response:
 - As part of its normal science, InSight's data acquired seismic and atmospheric measurements at the time of Zhurong's landing. As we did with NASA's Perseverance landing, the InSight science team examined seismic and pressure oscillation signals associated with the Zhurong landing. Based on preliminary examination of the data, we don't appear to have detected it, just as we didn't with Perseverance.
- Below is NASA's initial public comment about the landing from Science Mission Directorate Associate Administrator Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen on [Twitter](#):
 - "Congratulations to CNSA's #Tianwen1 team for the successful landing of China's first Mars exploration rover, #Zhurong! Together with the global science community, I look forward to the important contributions this mission will make to humanity's understanding of the Red Planet."

Human Landing System Sen. Cantwell Amendment

On May 12, Sen. Maria Cantwell offered an amendment in committee markup of the Endless Frontier Act that included language and proposed funding related to NASA's Human Landing System for the Artemis program. Below is our response to the public and media who call for comment:

- NASA is excited to return to the Moon with more robot and human explorers than ever before as part of the Artemis program. Both government and commercial capabilities are necessary to enable long-term exploration on and around the Moon. By purchasing commercial services to take astronauts from lunar orbit to land on the surface of the Moon, we will ensure a robust deep space transportation system is in place as we learn to live and work on another world for the benefit of all. NASA is unable to comment on the proposed amendment due to ongoing litigation of the recent human landing system selection.

More information can be found here: <https://www.nasa.gov/nextstep/humanlander2>

Webb Telescope Reported Possible Launch Delay

On May 12, Space News [reported](#) ongoing work to address a problem seen on two previous Ariane 5 rocket launches could delay the high-profile launch of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. Below is our response to calls for comment:

- The launch readiness date for NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, which will be the premier observatory of the next decade, is Oct. 31, 2021. Webb is on schedule for that date, but we know schedule margin is tight. We are working closely with ESA and Arianespace on their launch vehicle readiness, and should a launch date change be needed, Webb has launch windows available almost every day of the year. Webb will study every phase in the history of our universe, including the first luminous glows after the creation of the cosmos, the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life on planets like Earth, and the evolution of our own solar system.

Roscosmos Spaceflight Participants to the International Space Station Announcements

On May 13, Roscosmos [announced](#) it plans to send spaceflight participants (non professional astronauts) for short trips to the International Space Station this year, including an actress and



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filmmaker on a Soyuz flight in October. Below is the response to the public and media who ask for NASA comment:

- This year is truly a renaissance for human spaceflight both as we fly NASA and international partner astronauts on U.S. commercial crew spacecraft to the International Space Station and also as we see the expansion of private astronaut missions. As more people fly to space and do more things during their spaceflights, it attracts even more people to do more activities in low-Earth orbit, and reflects the growing market we envisioned the Commercial Crew Program enabling when we embarked on it about 10 years ago.

Webb Name Webb Telescope Name Statement

On May 7, Slate.com posted an [article](#) with the headline and sub-headline “The James Webb Space Telescope Hasn’t Launched Yet. In One Way, It’s Already a Relic. It will collect important data, but what does its name say about who it’s for?” Below is our response to the public and media who call for comment:

- NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb’s role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency’s early years. Webb’s work as administrator laid the groundwork for today’s accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA’s work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

NASA’s Ingenuity Mars Helicopter

On April 19, NASA’s Ingenuity Mars Helicopter successfully completed the first attempt at powered, controlled flight of an aircraft on another planet. The experimental rotorcraft was carried to the Red Planet on NASA’s Perseverance Mars rover. Ingenuity progressively added more complex flights on April 22, April 25, April 30, May 7, and May 23. On April 30, NASA [announced](#) that after its next two demonstration flights, Ingenuity will embark on a new operations demonstration phase, exploring how aerial scouting and other functions could benefit future exploration of Mars and other worlds.

- Ingenuity Key points:
 - Ingenuity is the first aircraft to attempt and achieve controlled flight on another planet (a “Wright Brothers” moment).
 - Ingenuity had already demonstrated feats of engineering – shrinking its size and mass, working with specialized materials, demonstrating flight in a thin atmosphere while still on Earth.
 - Tests on Earth proved many of its engineering principles.
 - With Ingenuity’s success, future Mars exploration could include an ambitious aerial dimension.
 - Ingenuity is a technology demonstration. Its experimental mission is separate from the rover, but we do tech demos because they advance our capabilities and help prove concepts for future mission.
- Ingenuity’s technology demonstration objectives are:
 - Prove powered flight in the thin atmosphere of Mars.



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- The Red Planet has lower gravity (about one-third that of Earth) but its atmosphere is just 1% as thick, making it much harder to generate lift.
 - Demonstrate miniaturized flying technology.
 - That requires shrinking down onboard computers, electronics and other parts so that the helicopter is light enough to take off.
 - Operate autonomously.
 - Ingenuity will use solar power to charge its batteries and rely on internal heaters to maintain operational temperatures during the cold Martian nights. After receiving commands from Earth relayed through the rover, each test flight is performed without real-time input from Mars Helicopter mission controllers.
- NASA's Perseverance Mars rover mission objectives are:
 - Take samples to leave on the surface for return to Earth in a few years. First leg of a round trip to Mars.
 - Search for signs of ancient microbial life as the rover explores a crater that billions of years ago might have been a large body of water like a lake.
 - Characterize the geology and climate of Mars.
 - Help pave the way for human exploration beyond the Moon.
- Perseverance Mars rover Key Points:
 - The Perseverance rover is the most capable rover ever sent to Mars and builds on the legacy of NASA's Mars Exploration Program and earlier rovers.
 - The mission embodies our nation's spirit of persevering even in the most challenging of situations, providing inspiration and advancing science and exploration. The mission itself personifies the human ideal of persevering toward the future.
 - The Mars 2020 mission is part of America's larger Moon to Mars exploration approach, which includes astronaut missions to the Moon that prepare for human exploration of the Red Planet.
 - NASA is committed to working with our international partners to accomplish stunning achievements in science, technology and exploration, and this mission reinforces those strong bonds.
 - Perseverance is the beginning of the first round-trip to another planet. The rover will collect rock and soil samples for return to Earth by future missions that could possibly confirm the ultimate astrobiology question: does life exist, or did it, elsewhere?
 - Perseverance carries the most sophisticated suite of instruments ever sent to Mars.
 - The mission addresses high-priority science goals to:
 - Return samples from Mars.
 - Search for clues about the potential for past life on Mars.
 - Find out what Mars' environment was like billions of years ago, and what might be preserved in the unique rocks of Jezero Crater.
 - Study what the planet's environment is like today.
 - NASA's robotic exploration of Mars is paving the way for future human missions to the Red Planet and will gather knowledge and demonstrate technologies that address the challenges of those human expeditions. Some relevant technologies include:
 - Entry, descent and landing technology.



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- In situ resource use.
- Terrain-relative navigation.
- The public will get to ride along. The mission has more cameras than any previous interplanetary mission, and while we have “felt” vibrations in response to wind with the InSight lander’s seismometer and “translated” them into sounds that we could hear with the human ear, two microphones on Perseverance will attempt for the first time to hear audio of the rover’s operations and travels, as well as the environment at Mars.
- Perseverance joins a fleet that right now includes a rover, a lander and multiple orbiters. This is the 9th U.S. mission to land and the 5th rover. The U.S. is the only nation to successfully land on Mars.
- On April 20, a toaster-size experimental instrument aboard Perseverance called the Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment ([MOXIE](#)) converted some of the Red Planet’s thin, carbon dioxide-rich atmosphere into oxygen – the first time this has ever been done.
 - While the technology demonstration is just getting started, it could pave the way for science fiction to become science fact – isolating and storing oxygen on Mars to help power rockets that could lift astronauts off the planet’s surface. Such devices also might one day provide breathable air for astronauts themselves.

UPCOMING EVENTS PUBLIC DATES

*Below are the publicly listed dates of some high-profile activities/events/milestones in 2021. Internal planning, target, and pre-decisional dates are not listed below as they’re not official and public yet. The public dates listed are as specific as they can be, at this time. This list will be regularly updated and added to, as appropriate. Text in **red** is newly updated public information:*

- **State of NASA – June 2:** NASA Administrator Bill Nelson’s first live address to the NASA workforce about the state of the agency and its activities
- **Russian Spacewalk on the International Space Station - June 2:** Russian EVA 48 (Novitskiy and Dubrov) from Poisk to dismantle cables for Pirs docking compartment undocking
- **SpaceX CRS-22 – June 3:** Next commercial [resupply services](#) mission to space station from Florida
- **Laser Comm – June 23:** NASA’s [Laser Communications Relay Demonstration](#) to test optical communications launches from Florida
- **Boeing Orbital Flight Test-2 – July 30 –** Boeing’s uncrewed CST-100 Starliner OFT-2 (Orbital Flight Test-2) launch from Florida to the International Space Station
- **Northrop Grumman CRS-16 – July 2021:** Commercial [resupply services](#) mission to space station from Virginia
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RE: Naming issues

From: Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Sent: June 1, 2021 4:38:41 PM EDT
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I would agree. b5 [REDACTED].

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To: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Cc: Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Naming issues

Hi Marc,

b5 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. As
goes b5 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Would you like me to put together something more formal on these? Glad to do it, just let me know if it's needed.

Brian

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b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
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To: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Cc: ROBERT JACOBS <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Naming issues

Hi Marc,

You bet. I'm out of pocket this morning at an interview but will get you something by early afternoon.

The big ones I can think of at the moment are:

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I'll keep thinking about it and get back to you asap.

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Subject: Naming issues

Hi Brian

Can you pull together b5). Adding Bob as he may have some thoughts as well. Thanks

Marc Etkind

Associate Administrator, Communications

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Commenting on the Webb Telescope name

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Cc: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Sent: June 3, 2021 2:10:17 PM EDT
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All -

The topic of the Webb Telescope name may come up in conversations at the AAS meeting next week. If you are asked, here is what you should say

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

At the AAS you will have your NASA hat on. I do not know how you can take it off since NASA paid for your registration. You should not provide your own opinion on whether NASA should change the name.

At the AAAC, I read that statement and provided the following additional comments during Q&A:

- Yes there is a timeline to make a decision (but I did not state the timeline).
- Whether to change the name is not my decision. Webb is an Agency priority, and the decision will be made at the Agency level.
- Whatever NASA's decision, to change the name or to not change the name, we will need to explain our rationale.

Any questions can be directed to Eric S. or me.

Paul

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Upcoming AAS meeting and JWST sensitive topics

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To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, b6
Sent: June 4, 2021 12:48:43 PM EDT
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NASA will not say anything else until we make a decision on the name.

Paul

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Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 12:18 PM
To: b6 Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Upcoming AAS meeting and JWST sensitive topics

Hi b6,

It's out of our hands at this point. I know some members of our community will not like this.

Eric

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Sent from my iPhone

Eric P. Smith

(202)-436-5265

From: b6
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 12:05:35 PM

To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>; Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Upcoming AAS meeting and JWST sensitive topics

Hi Eric,

Launch statement is good.

Renaming statement is likely to polarize the issue further. It looks backward not forward. Nothing about Agency values? This isn't a "recognize contributions to science" issue at this point. It is in the minds of many now about what the Agency stands for. It's about building an inclusive approach to scientific discovery and the Agency's opportunities/accomplishments.

I know this isn't easy....

b6

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gardner, Jonathan P. (GSFC-6650) via jwst-swgcore <jwst-swgcore@lists.nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 at 9:27 AM
To: jwst-swgcore@lists.nasa.gov <jwst-swgcore@lists.nasa.gov>
Subject: [jwst-swgcore] FW: Upcoming AAS meeting and JWST sensitive topics

Hi,

Here are the NASA statements about the JWST launch date and name for the AAS next week.

Jon

Dr. Jonathan P. Gardner (he/him)

Deputy Senior Project Scientist, James Webb Space Telescope

Chief of the Observational Cosmology Laboratory

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

From: Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 8:40 AM
Subject: Re: Upcoming AAS meeting and JWST sensitive topics

Good morning,

I wish you all a great meeting at AAS next week. For easy reference, these are the current NASA statements (which will be updated on the internal Webb Communications Toolkit

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Launch readiness date

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NASA's James Webb Space Telescope remains on schedule for a launch readiness date no earlier than October 31, 2021. Webb will ship to the launch site in August with little to no schedule margin; launch processing will take two months. The observatory has completed all the post-environmental testing deployments, and it is in its final integration and folding stages. Final stow, closeout, and pack and ship are imminent. We are working closely with the European Space Agency (ESA) and Arianespace on establishing the launch date. We will launch approximately four months after the first launch of the Ariane 5 this year, which is scheduled for late July. Webb has no launch date constraints; hence, it can launch almost any day of the year.

Webb naming

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

Thanks,

Natasha

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Natasha Pinol

Communications Chief, James Webb Space Telescope Program, PAAC V Contract

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RE: Webb @ AAS Meeting Next Week

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To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Sent: June 5, 2021 10:49:59 AM EDT
Received: June 5, 2021 10:49:00 AM EDT

Thanks for the slide. Paul

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Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Webb @ AAS Meeting Next Week

Thanks again for this, Paul! And as mentioned, attached is a slide on the high school student/Backyard Worlds study, to pull into your NASA Town Hall presentation as desired. I kept it extremely high level ahead of the embargo lift, and it includes a photo of the student. (We needed to get a photo release form signed for this use, as he's a minor – thanks for bearing with the delay).

Feel free to let me know if you'd like more detail beyond this or the abstract

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Marc Kuchner also passed along the following, if appropriate to flag in this context:

·Looking for funding to launch your own NASA citizen science project? The Citizen Science Seed Funding Program (CSSFP) call is open right now; proposals are due in December:

<https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary!init.do?sollid={A08B277F-1BFE-4663-3E6F-C178EBA87C8C}&path=open>

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Best,

Alise

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To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Cc: Fox, Karen C. (GSFC-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Webb @ AAS Meeting Next Week

Alise –

I will share this holding statement. This is all I plan to say.

When I presented yesterday at a community meeting, I did receive this question. I read the holding statement. I was informed of the petition with over 1000 signatures. Upon further questioning I added the following statements

- Yes there is a timeline to make a decision (but I did not state the timeline).
- This is not my decision. Webb is an Agency priority, and the decision will be made at the Agency level.
- Whatever NASA's decision, to change the name or to not change the name, we will need to explain our rationale.

Paul

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Cc: Fox, Karen C. (GSFC-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: Webb @ AAS Meeting Next Week

Hello Paul,

As we anticipate that Webb will come up in a variety of contexts at next week's AAS meeting, we wanted to ask if you wouldn't mind sharing the NASA statement on the Webb name (copied below) with the Astro division, requesting their caution when discussing the subject if it arises.

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

If you plan to discuss Webb during your NASA Town Hall remarks, it would also be great to know what you plan to touch on, just for our awareness in case we get questions.

On a separate AAS note, I have a slide compiled for you with information on the high school citizen scientist – I'm just waiting on a photo (he's a minor, so we need to have some forms signed). Happy to send what I have in the meantime if helpful.

Thanks very much,

Alise

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RE: AMA Response Review: James Webb Space Telescope Name Change

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Sent: March 3, 2021 9:32:27 AM EST
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Max, please post

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Cc: Schneiderman, Max J. (KSC-NEC20) <max.j.schneiderman@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: AMA Response Review: James Webb Space Telescope Name Change

Bob,

I concur.

v/r,

Dan

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Cc: Schneiderman, Max J. (KSC-NEC20) <max.j.schneiderman@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: AMA Response Review: James Webb Space Telescope Name Change

Are you all ok with this response?

Bob

Response:

As KSC has no role in the naming of this mission, I will reserve my opinion on this matter and defer to those who would be involved in such a process. I believe the Administration is aware and we will see what transpires.

Regardless of what happens, inclusion is definitely one of our core values and I strongly support fair and equal treatment of all who work at the Kennedy Space Center. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

Keep charging,

Bob

From: Schneiderman, Max J. (KSC-NEC20) <max.j.schneiderman@nasa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 8:12 AM

To: Cabana, Robert D. {KSC-Center-Director} (KSC-AA000) <robert.d.cabana@nasa.gov>

Cc: Culp, Heidi M. (KSC-AA000) <heidi.culp@nasa.gov>

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Sent: June 7, 2021 9:32:25 AM EDT
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You bet. I'll see what I can figure out about b5 .

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Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:06 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Naming issues

Thanks Brian, can you add naming and info on the 4 below to the agenda for Friday? b5
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Re: AAS Town Hall

From: Sparke, Linda S. (HQ-DH000) <linda.s.sparke@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: June 7, 2021 4:01:27 PM EDT
Received: June 7, 2021 4:01:28 PM EDT

You were right that nobody asked about James Webb. In fact, pretty much nobody asked about anything, even though there were 215 people on zoom by the end.

Linda S. Sparke: detailed to OACS, normally Astrophysics Explorers Program Scientist, Science Mission Directorate 3U25, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546 Voice: 202-358-7335 Fax: 202-358-3062 Cell:

b6

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Hertz <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2:44 PM
To: ODIN <linda.s.sparke@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: AAS Town Hall

Yes I have my Zoom link.

Note that Thomas is my co-presenter. After I announce my plan to step down at the end of the Town Hall, Thomas will say some nice things about me and announce the open search for my successor.

I am betting that my announcement will forestall any questions about the name of the Webb Telescope. What do you think?

Paul

Paul Hertz (paul.hertz@nasa.gov) (he/him/his)
Director, Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sparke, Linda S. (HQ-DH000) <linda.s.sparke@nasa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: AAS Town Hall

Paul,

Did you get the zoom link for the NASA Town Hall tomorrow? I had a mail on May 21 from Rita Braxton at AAS saying that the zoom link would be sent "within the next week" but I don't remember receiving it or fishing it out of spam. I've asked for a re-do, but wanted to make sure you had yours.

Linda

Linda S. Sparke: detailed to OACS, normally Astrophysics Explorers Program Scientist, Science Mission Directorate

3U25, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546

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RE: NASA Considering Case for Renaming Webb Telescope

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3573AA82ADE34C77AF683B05B47481B6-HERTZ, PAUL>
To: b6
Sent: June 10, 2021 7:28:38 PM EDT
Received: June 10, 2021 7:28:00 PM EDT

b6 –

Thanks for the note. We are taking this very seriously. Although Webb clearly did not reflect today’s NASA values, he was a man of his era. I am hopeful that NASA will take advantage of the opportunity to make a major stand for LGBTQ inclusion (which is today’s NASA value) no matter what decision we make.

Paul

Paul Hertz (paul.hertz@nasa.gov) (he/him/his)
Director, Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate
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From: b6 >
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: NASA Considering Case for Renaming Webb Telescope

Paul – b6 forwarded this blurb to some of us on the HQ pride alliance. It was great to be in a breakout group with you for the “Understanding System Racism” training, and I don’t know that I can express how much it meant to see that this was even considered. Even if the telescope goes forward with Webb’s name, personally, it means a lot that it’s even being considered. Thank you for being willing to listen – I can only imagine how challenging it is to juggle all the opinions.

Cheers,

b6

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From: b6

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 9:04 AM

To: b6
[Redacted]
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Subject: NASA Considering Case for Renaming Webb Telescope

NASA Considering Case for Renaming Webb Telescope

At a meeting

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?preview=y&cntn_id=302001&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|f64b855d1fcf4b6337c108d92b6fd1c1|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637588581518530223|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=RLxzSikcxz+IdGZKCNkOm2mj3Ubc9Al+4ZfUSoRf5Q8=&reserved=0> last week, NASA Astrophysics Division Director Paul Hertz provided an update on the agency's pending response to calls to rename the James Webb Space Telescope. A group of scientists has pointed to

<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/nasa-needs-to-rename-the-james-webb-space->

[telescope/&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|f64b855d1fcf4b6337c108d92b6fd1c1|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637588581518540177|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=hFukXHk6SI4OaNjSor5cw31Tjfn0E61QA+hxufYIKo=&reserved=0](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/nasa-needs-to-rename-the-james-webb-space-)> historical evidence suggesting James Webb, who led NASA from 1961 to 1968, advanced or was complicit with the firing of federal employees as part of the government persecution of LGBTQ individuals now known as the Lavender Scare. A petition

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PS_rtSOzaH40q1r_jQkhJhXmW97DOW-

[S6dqGA0jDKzM/edit&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|f64b855d1fcf4b6337c108d92b6fd1c1|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637588581518540177|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=ug7p1hmrphB1v2TqqFqFU1GBU3TkyZ2aAjKhcVdzN4=&reserved=0](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PS_rtSOzaH40q1r_jQkhJhXmW97DOW-)>

to rename the telescope has since gained more than 700 signatures. Hertz noted that NASA is working with historians to examine Webb's career as a federal official and explained the original decision to name the telescope after Webb was in recognition of his contributions to the success of the Apollo lunar program and NASA's science programs. Hertz declined to comment on NASA's timeline for deciding whether to rename the telescope but noted it would be an agency-level decision. The telescope is expected to launch this fall

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b6 [redacted]

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c: (b6 [redacted])

he/him/his

Re: ACTION: Response to APAC Recommendations

From: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Cc: Hasan, Hashima (HQ-DH000) <hhasan@nasa.gov>
Sent: June 16, 2021 10:38:26 AM EDT
Received: June 16, 2021 10:38:27 AM EDT

Hi Paul,

Filling in the boxes below.

Eric

Eric P. Smith
office: 202-358-2439
mobile: b6

From: Paul Hertz <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Cc: Hashima Hasan <hhasan@nasa.gov>
Subject: ACTION: Response to APAC Recommendations

Eric -

On May 7, I notified you of some recommendations from the APAC out of their March 2021 meeting. The APAC is meeting again on June 29, and I will be responding to their recommendations.

#24 Just reminding you.

#25 Please provide me with an appropriate response to these recommendations. I am looking for you to fill in the blank boxes with appropriate narrative. A response by Friday June 18 is needed for me to include it in my charts for Front Office clearance.

Recommendation

Actionee

Response

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APAC requests an update from the Webb project at the 2021 June meeting, specifically the NASA historian (or appropriate designee), on the status of the Webb investigation and the historical lens through which to evaluate the context of past activities within the current framework of NASA's five-key Agency goals, including the NASA 5th pillar.

Report out at June 2021 meeting. (ACTION E. Smith)

We only still have the NASA holding statement on this topic. Since the last meeting we have a new Assoc. Admin, and Administrator.

“NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb’s role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency’s early years. Webb’s work as administrator laid the groundwork for today’s accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA’s work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.”

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The APAC recommends that Webb continue or expand the Master Class series for proposers.

APD will consider this, and will request STScl to consider this. (ACTION E. Smith, N. Reid)

I discussed this with STScl and they indicated that they will be devoting more time/staff to working with people who have data and the help desk activities rather than additional Master Classes. They may plan additional ones, but not at the same scale as before.

Paul

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Looking for some archive

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 17, 2021 5:25:37 PM EDT
Received: June 17, 2021 5:25:37 PM EDT

Hi [REDACTED]

Let me see what I can do. I'll pass along to science communications group as well. Tomorrow is a holiday, so there may be a delayed response.

Thanks,
Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

Acting NASA Chief Historian

NASA Headquarters

Washington, DC

[REDACTED] (cell)

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:48 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Looking for some archive

Dear Brian,

How have you been? Our production is moving well and as we now move into the edit, my directors are on the lookout for potential archive material we may be able to use. In particular, we ave a film on the James Webb Space Telescope (not the one we interviewed you for!) that I am trying to locate some footage for.

I am aware of the various brilliant media galleries NASA has - they are fantastic resource and will be very helpful for us.

However, there are a couple of requests from my director I have not yet been able to accommodate with what I have found online. I was wondering whether you might be able to point me in the right direction - or have any suggestions...

In particular, I am looking for any historical material pertaining to the early stages of the JWST mission. For instance:

- Anything covering the naming of the James Webb Space Telescope in 2002. I have located this old press release

(<https://www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2002/02-171.txt>) but cannot find any stills or footage to illustrate this event

- Anything from the early meetings / press conferences / events around the mission that pre-date 2002 (back when this was still the Next Generation Space Telescope)

Do you have any idea where I might be able to find such material? Please feel free to pass on my email to whoever you think may be best placed to answer this (arguably niche) query!

Many thanks again for all your help with our series!

Best,

b6

Re: [EXTERNAL] Looking for some archive

From: McClare, Michael D. {Mike} (GSFC-130.0)[KBRwyle] <michael.d.mcclare@nasa.gov>
To: Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS] <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>
Cc: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: June 17, 2021 6:22:51 PM EDT
Received: June 17, 2021 6:22:53 PM EDT

Liz,

To the best of my knowledge, the naming wasn't captured on video. But, it would have been done by NASA HQ when O'Keefe was NASA Administrator. I'll check.

All I can offer in regard to the period when Webb was called the Next Generation Space Telescope is a model. It's called the 'Yardstick Model'. NASA created it to give contractors bidding on the project an idea of what type of spacecraft they are thinking of. It's located in our CI Lab animation studio. I don't know of any footage but, I will also look.

Mike

Michael McClare

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From: "Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS]" <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:28 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, mike mcclare <michael.d.mcclare@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Looking for some archive

Mike, can you help?

Thanks!

Liz

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:26 PM
To: "Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS]" <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Looking for some archive

Hi Liz,

You have any idea who would work this for Webb Program? Feel free to have them reach out directly if we have anything.

Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

Acting NASA Chief Historian

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Washington, DC

b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: b6 [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:48 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: b6 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Looking for some archive

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Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F7F524F8D7464966B90B4F3D43743CA8-ODOM, BRIAN>
To: Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>, Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000) <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>
Sent: July 23, 2021 9:25:26 AM EDT
Received: July 23, 2021 9:25:28 AM EDT

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Begin Forwarded Message:

From: "Alexandra Witze" b6
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research
Date: 23 July 2021 08:14
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Hi Brian, our news article in Nature on the petition to rename JWST has just gone online:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02010-x>
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I look forward to following these developments.

Best,

Alex

Alexandra Witze

Reporter, Nature

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Alexandra Witze
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

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You bet. Thanks, Alex.

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

Acting NASA Chief Historian

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b6 (cell)

From: Alexandra Witze b6

Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 11:38 AM

To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

Hi Brian, thanks very much for the email and the greeting; I appreciate it. I look forward to following how this line of research pans out, and will send a link to whenever our next story on this appears.

Best

Alex

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 5:42 PM

To: Alexandra Witze

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

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Hi Alexandra,

Nice to "meet" you. I am indeed conducting/coordinating that research. Unfortunately, I don't really have much to say beyond what has already been said by Paul. We are also working with an independent researcher working with archival collections at the National Archives (including Presidential libraries). The COVID-19 situation has limited our access to archival records and that limited access is driving the schedule at this point.

I'm happy to keep you updated as things progress. Please feel free to reach out moving forward.

Best,

Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

Acting NASA Chief Historian

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Washington, DC

b6 (cell)

From: Alexandra Witze <b6 >

Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 1:59 PM

To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

Dear Dr. Odom,

I'm a reporter with Nature, working on a news story about the recent renewed push to rename the James Webb Space Telescope. Paul Hertz spoke this morning at APAC about this. He said that at NASA's request, at least two historians are currently looking for historical records of any relevant material that might shed light on Webb's behavior towards LGBTQ people. Paul also said that one of these historians is the NASA historian.

Because I've been really interested in who specifically is doing this archive research, I just wanted to check directly with you so that I'm not misinterpreting things. Are you indeed looking into the Webb archives, as acting NASA chief historian? And is there anything else you can tell me about the status of this search — like, where are you looking and how long do you expect the process to take?

Thanks for any information you may be able to provide. I will ask HQ additional broader questions about the question of renaming JWST, but wanted to check this one piece of information directly with you.

Best,

Alexandra Witze

Reporter, Nature

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To: Alexandra Witze <a.witze@us.nature.com>
Sent: July 23, 2021 9:53:47 AM EDT
Received: July 23, 2021 9:53:48 AM EDT

Thanks, Alex! Look forward to reading it.

Brian

On: 23 July 2021 08:14, "Alexandra Witze" <b6 [REDACTED]> > wrote:

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Sent: June 29, 2021 5:42:56 PM EDT
Received: June 29, 2021 5:42:56 PM EDT

Hi Karen,

This all sounds great and I'm fine with being named—that kind of goes with the job.

We definitely would not name our independent researcher, but I could say that that I am collaborating with that person as they search through the National Archives, including Presidential libraries while I'm looking into his time with the agency. I think **b5**

[REDACTED]

I'd basically be saying the same "Nothing beyond what Paul shared," which is the truth.

Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

Acting NASA Chief Historian

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b6 (cell)

From: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 4:23 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>, "Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020)" <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>, Sean Potter <sean.potter@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

Cheers, Brian –

Eric is going to be speaking tomorrow as well, and we are meeting with him in a few minutes. I think that he will be **b5**

[REDACTED]

But that doesn't quite help with answering Alex below.

We could have one of the comms teams folks answer saying that we don't have more info to share at this point, or – if you're comfortable with it, Brian – you (or we) could say yes, you're the historian, but we don't have any more info to share at this point.

Tabatha, Allard, Sean – if you feel strongly that b5

Suggestions?

--Karen

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

Office of Communications

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 3:03 PM

To: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020)" <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>, "Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020)" <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>, "Potter, Sean (HQ-NA020)" <sean.potter@nasa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

FYI

Brian C. Odom, Ph.D.

Acting NASA Chief Historian

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Begin Forwarded Message:

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

Date: 29 June 2021 13:59

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From: b6
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Received: June 30, 2021 7:42:42 PM EDT

3:00 works

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2021, at 4:50 PM, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

You bet. How about 3pm CT? Let me know and I'll send a Teams invite.

Thanks,
Brian

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b6 (cell)

From: b6
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 10:14 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: James Webb

Hi Brian,

I will be available tomorrow afternoon. Would that work for you?

I'm traveling Friday, but I could take a call then too.

b6

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2021, at 11:07 AM, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi b6

I hope things are well with you. Would you have a few minutes soon for a tag up to discuss your research? I'm particularly interested in anything you've heard related to archival access.

Thanks!

Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

Acting NASA Chief Historian

NASA Headquarters

Washington, DC

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: James Webb

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F7F524F8D7464966B90B4F3D43743CA8-ODOM, BRIAN>
To: b6
Sent: July 1, 2021 4:37:20 PM EDT
Received: July 1, 2021 4:37:22 PM EDT

I'm open now if you want to call. b6

Sorry

Brian C. Odom, Ph.D.

Acting NASA Chief Historian

Sent from my iPhone

On: 01 July 2021 15:26, b6 > wrote:

Brian,

I assume that you ended up getting busy this afternoon. When the National Archives at College Park will reopen is still a mystery. They are running their test now. I assume that they have the same deadline as the rest of the federal government and must submit a reopening plan by July 14th. After that, they will have limited access. I believe that they will first require an online consultation and then an appointment. Pull requests will be made in advance so archival material will be available when a researcher arrives. Each researcher will be allowed one extra pull for the day and will be required to spend the entire day at the Archives. Hopefully, getting appointments will be straightforward and not too difficult. I anticipate needing two weeks to go through all the material and to photocopy the appropriate documents.

Other than that, there has been no other news on the National Archives website.

take care,

b6

On Jun 30, 2021, at 4:50 PM, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

You bet. How about 3pm CT? Let me know and I'll send a Teams invite.

Thanks,
Brian

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To: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 1, 2021 4:51:02 PM EDT
Received: July 1, 2021 4:51:05 PM EDT

This is exactly what I was hoping to talk with you about—thanks. Sorry again about today (it was brutal). Let's do plan on tagging up in a week or so.

Thanks!

Brian

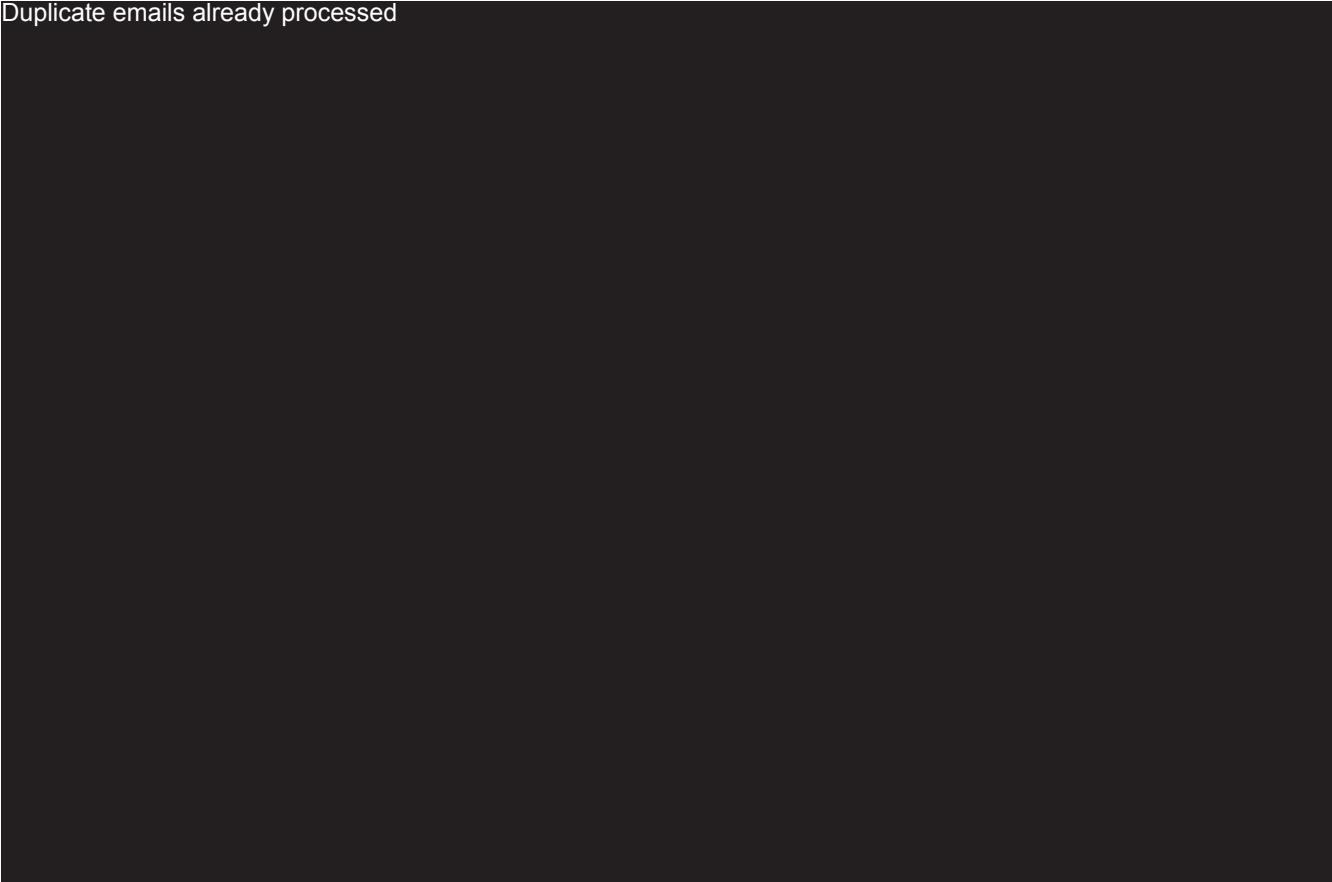
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To: Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000) <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>, Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Sent: July 13, 2021 1:47:43 PM EDT
Received: July 13, 2021 1:47:43 PM EDT

Eric is out on vacation, but I was able to locate a preview on Google Books:

https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Lavender_Scare/ivCo3yph63QC?hl=en&gbpv=1&bsq=james%20webb
<[https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Lavender_Scare/ivCo3yph63QC?hl=en&gbpv=1&bsq=james webb](https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Lavender_Scare/ivCo3yph63QC?hl=en&gbpv=1&bsq=james%20webb)>

When you click the link, you'll see the only reference to Webb on page 104. Let me know if you don't see it.

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[EXTERNAL] Re: records from the 1960s

From: b6
To: Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Cc: b6 >, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: July 15, 2021 7:20:27 PM EDT
Received: July 15, 2021 7:21:13 PM EDT

Hi Cat,

Thank you for sending this Donald Veatch article along!! I hadn't found it, and really appreciate it!

I've been discussing the situation more with Lee Felsenstein, and it sounds like there were some rather complex dynamics involved.

I've been reading a bit about how James Webb who oversaw the purge of 91 US State Department employees for homosexuality during the "Lavendar Scare"
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://daily.jstor.org/the-lavender-scare/&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|7d6a8e4c5d6f4af6baac08d947e73c16|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|637619880734879281|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWl|joiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQI|joiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=agadMNFfANMiOTtKeXtxawCcg/ER8+kDsMAY7eB6KyA=&reserved=0>> of 1950. He was NASA Administrator from 1961-68, so he would have been overseeing NASA during the time b6 was purged for his parents' political affiliation (not sure if the two are related).

I was a bit alarmed to learn today that the James Webb space telescope <<https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/>>(which is being launched this year) is being named after someone responsible for purging people from the US State Department based on sexual orientation.

My email is (mostly) better! The problem turned out to be the VPN. (The VPN was randomly logging out after I'd sign in--strange problem! The EDS folks sent an update over, and I think that fixed it.) Please feel free to use my NASA email now!

All the best,

b6

On Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 5:48 AM Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi b6

Glad you got in touch with Jeni!

1.How's your email?

2.Have you found this paper written by Donald Veatch? https://www.nasa.gov/centers/dryden/pdf/88032main_H-1191.pdf

-Cat

From: b6
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 8:14 PM
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>; Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Cc: b6
Subject: records from the 1960s

Hi there Brian and Cat,

I've been digging through NTRS, but haven't had any luck finding records relating to b6 there.

I recall Brian mentioned that perhaps Christian Gelzer would be worth connecting with at Armstrong. It would be great to set that up in the coming weeks!

Here are the details of the incident I'm researching:

-Time range: July-Oct 1964

-Location: Flight Research Center / Dryden Research Center at Edwards AFB

-Division: Data Systems

-Section: Telemetry Techniques Section

-Subject Name: b6 / effective resignation b6

-Goal: seeking any records that relate to b6

-Permissions: b6 is in conversation with b6 and is ready to sign off on release of any records

-Other names of interest: b6 (subject's supervisor), b6 (personal management specialist who informed subject of resignation requirement)

-Of larger interest: any and all records that relate to NASA employee purges due to individual or familial political beliefs, c. 1950-1970

I realize this is something of a side project, but perhaps something bigger will come into focus that helps elucidate that historical era.

Thanks for your support! I also reached out to Jeni—thank you Cat for thinking of her! I hope there's a chance to connect!

All the best,

b6

Re: [EXTERNAL] From Nature reporter, deadline Fri noon: anything you'd like to add to APAC comments about the rename-JWST petition?

From: Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>, Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Cc: Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS] <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>, Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Sent: July 22, 2021 8:07:42 AM EDT
Received: July 22, 2021 8:07:43 AM EDT

Hello Paul, Eric,

We have followed up with HQ OComm yesterday and will discuss again this morning. Please stay tuned.

Thanks,

Natasha

From: Eric Smith <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 9:28 PM
To: "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>, "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>, "Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc]" <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Landau, Elizabeth R (HQ-1864)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS]" <elizabeth.r.landau@nasa.gov>, "Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010)" <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] From Nature reporter, deadline Fri noon: anything you'd like to add to APAC comments about the rename-JWST petition?

Alexandra has contacted me as well previously. I've only provided the agency holding statement.

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Eric P. Smith

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From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9:07:19 PM
To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>; Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] From Nature reporter, deadline Fri noon: anything you'd like to add to APAC comments

about the rename-JWST petition?

Alise and Natasha, what do you recommend? Is there anything that would be valuable to say? If Alex heard my APAC pitch, then she heard everything I usually say in public.

Paul

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From: Alexandra Witze [b6]
Sent: July 21, 2021 5:55 PM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Cc: Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] From Nature reporter, deadline Fri noon: anything you'd like to add to APAC comments about the rename-JWST petition?

Dear Paul (cc Natasha who is already aware of this):

I hope things are well with you. I'm working on a story for Nature about the petition to rename JWST given allegations of anti-LGBTQ behavior by James Webb.

I heard you speak at APAC on this topic and wanted to see whether there was anything else you wanted to add from what you said there. (I suspect not, but just wanted to be sure!) The story will report that NASA is investigating archival records of Webb's conduct, an effort that involves the acting chief historian and an independent historian. And that the timeline for this investigation to conclude is unclear, in part because historians' access to some of the archives are limited because of covid.

The story will also round up some astronomers' and historians' perspectives on this matter. There's nothing in the story you don't already know; we are just looking to describe the current situation to Nature's audience in the run-up to JWST's launch.

We are aiming to publish the story on Friday (7/23) if possible. If there's anything you would like to say beyond what you said at APAC, please email back or call me by midday Friday at [b6]. Thanks and I'll send the link to the story when it's out.

Best

Alex

Alexandra Witze

Reporter, Nature

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Sent: July 22, 2021 1:51:15 PM EDT
Received: July 22, 2021 1:51:16 PM EDT

Thanks, Paul. We've responded to the reporter.

Natasha

From: "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 11:14 AM
To: "Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc]" <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>, "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
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"We (Alise and I) are planning to respond to Alex to thank her for reaching out and let her know that we do not have anything to add beyond our previous statement at this time."

Sounds good. I will do and say nothing.

Paul

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Sent: July 22, 2021 11:11 AM
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] From Nature reporter, deadline Fri noon: anything you'd like to add to APAC comments

about the rename-JWST petition?

Hi Paul,

We have informed OCOMM. Allard's response is that the following statement still stands for where we are right now.

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

We (Alise and I) are planning to respond to Alex to thank her for reaching out and let her know that we do not have anything to add beyond our previous statement at this time.

Thanks,

Natasha

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: truman.library@nara.gov
Sent: July 25, 2021 3:09:45 PM EDT
Received: July 25, 2021 3:09:45 PM EDT

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm working on a research project and was wondering if I could make an appointment to come in for 2-3 days to research the James Webb papers? I'd like to come in as soon as the papers are available.

James E. Webb Papers

<https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/library/personal-papers/james-e-webb-papers>

Please let me know how to proceed.

Best,

Brian

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[EXTERNAL] Re: Researching James Webb Papers

From: Truman Library home <truman.library+noreply@nara.gov>
To: brian.c.odom@nasa.gov, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: July 25, 2021 3:09:57 PM EDT
Received: July 25, 2021 3:10:05 PM EDT

Thank you for your recent inquiry. Your email will be forwarded to a Library staff member, who will send you a reply within ten working days.

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Please let me know how to proceed.

Best,

Brian

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RE: Update on James Webb b5

From: Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: July 29, 2021 12:06:36 PM EDT
Received: July 29, 2021 12:06:37 PM EDT

Thanks, and if you get a minute, please give me a call b6.

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Cc: Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>; Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000) <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on James Webb b5

Will look at it ASAP, Allard.

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From: Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 9:46 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020)" <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>, "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: Update on James Webb b5

Morning, Brian, please see the request to b5. Would you be able to fact check the proposed language? b5. I've cc'd Bryan Gulley as he's been helping look into this for the A-Suite.

From: Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>; Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>
Cc: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>; Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>; Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Update on James Webb b5

Hi Marc, Allard, Tabatha,

Please find here forwarded a request for your approval from Greg and Thomas to b5 the project website (draft language, below).

Thanks,

Natasha

Begin Forwarded Message:

From: "Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010)" <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Subject: Update on James Webb [REDACTED]
Date: 28 July 2021 10:11
To: "Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc]" <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Davis, Jeanne (HQ-DH000)" <jeanne.davis@nasa.gov>, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>

Natasha,

Per our earlier conversation, Thomas requested [REDACTED] e. Please run this through OCOMMS leadership for approval. Below is the draft language to add.

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Thanks,

Greg

NASA exists to reach for new heights and reveal the unknown so that what we do and learn will benefit all humankind.

Gregory L. Robinson

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Cc: Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>
Sent: July 29, 2021 12:12:22 PM EDT
Received: July 29, 2021 12:12:23 PM EDT

Afternoon, Bryan, I'm with you b5 ... and I think there are a number of other factors we have to consider, too, so it definitely would be good to talk about this as a group once everyone is clear of OFT-2.

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Cc: Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on James Webb bio, website updates

Thanks Allard and Brian. At some point we will need to talk about b5. I'm cc'ing Marc as he will definitely want to be a part of that discussion. Maybe we can all connect on this next week after OFT-2 is done.

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Cc: Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020) <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>; Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000) <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on James Webb b5

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Sent: July 29, 2021 1:30:25 PM EDT
Received: July 29, 2021 1:30:25 PM EDT

No problem. Just send me a note when we might discuss. Thanks!

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From: "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 12:29 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020)" <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>, "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on James Webb [REDACTED]

Brian - were not going to be able to do today inlight of the ISS issues

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Subject: Re: Update on James Webb [REDACTED]

Folks,

Could we hop on a call to discuss this one? I think there are a few points we need to get clarity on. I'm free at 2pm and 4pm today.

Brian

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From: "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>

Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 11:07 AM

To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>

Cc: "Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020)" <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>, "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>

Subject: Re: Update on James Webb b5 [REDACTED]

Looping in Marc

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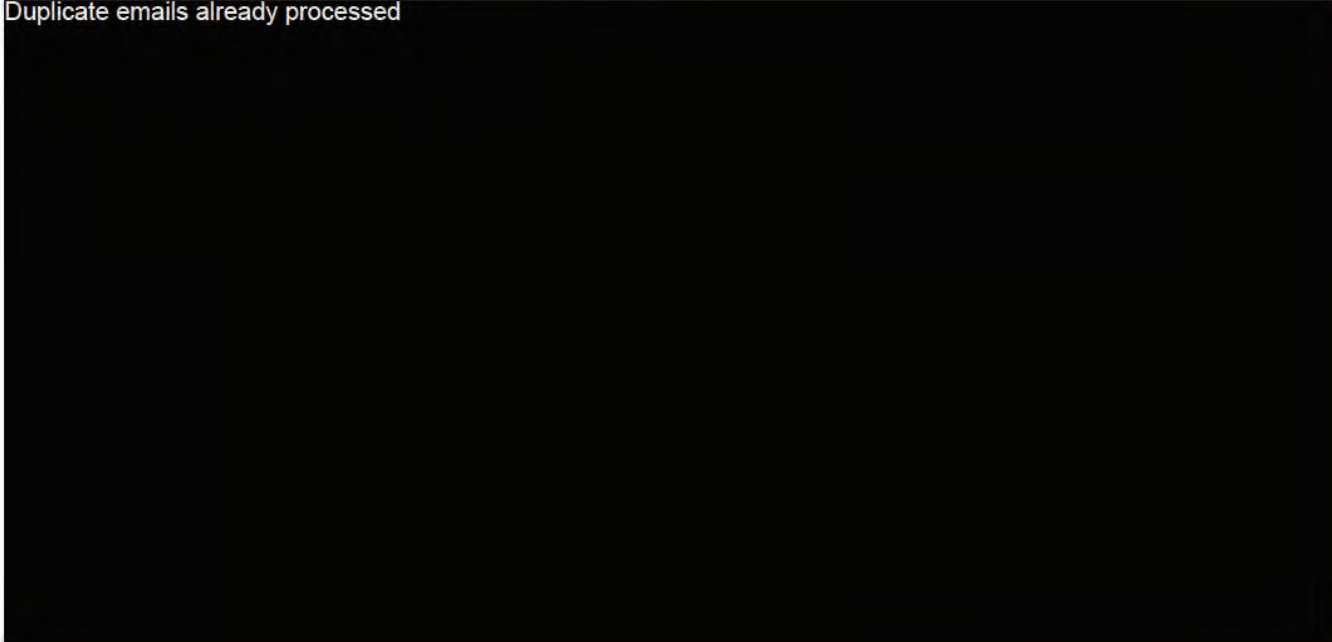
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 12:06 PM

To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20); Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020)

Cc: Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020)

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Sent: July 29, 2021 2:00:14 PM EDT
Received: July 29, 2021 2:00:14 PM EDT

No problem, Allard.

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From: Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 12:30 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Thompson, Tabatha T. (HQ-NA020)" <tabatha.t.thompson@nasa.gov>, "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on James Webb [REDACTED]

Sorry, Brian... when the emergency situation declared aboard the space station, we're working ops comms now, and I don't think we'll be free at 2p. This definitely is worth a discussion, but I'm not sure we can do it today.

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To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 12, 2021 8:01:44 AM EDT
Received: August 12, 2021 8:01:46 AM EDT

Good info [REDACTED]. I'm working it from the OCOMM angle, so no worries there.

On: 12 August 2021 06:55, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Let me check with OCOMM. [REDACTED]. Also, Hakeem is no longer at NASA as far as I know. We'd want to [REDACTED]. We would also probably want to [REDACTED].

Eric

Eric P. Smith
office: 202-358-2439
mobile [REDACTED]

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:42 PM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Subject: James Webb [REDACTED]

Hi Eric,

I'm still kicking around the idea of [REDACTED]. You think that is still a good idea? Here's a ROUGH idea of what that would entail. Thoughts?

[REDACTED]

POC: Brian Odom

Description:

[REDACTED]

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Re: Book order - James Webb research

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To: Stephens, Philisha B. (MSFC-NA000) <philisha.b.stephens@nasa.gov>, Harris, Randolph (HQ-NA000) <randolph.harris-1@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 12, 2021 8:16:28 AM EDT
Received: August 12, 2021 8:16:29 AM EDT

Thanks! Saw the correspondence with MSFC and they are getting it.

On: 11 August 2021 18:23, "Stephens, Philisha B. (MSFC-NA000)" <philisha.b.stephens@nasa.gov> wrote:

Brian,

I'm not sure we can order off Amazon because at one time they were blocked vendors. Let me check and get back to you. I'm sure Barnes & Noble or Books A Million would be possible, but let me check.

Philisha

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 5:24 PM
To: Harris, Randolph (HQ-NA000) <randolph.harris-1@nasa.gov>; Stephens, Philisha B. (MSFC-NA000) <philisha.b.stephens@nasa.gov>
Subject: Book order - James Webb research

Hi Folks,

Could someone please order this book for me? I think I'm going to need to get a copy for the James Webb research.

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Could we also ship it to:

b6
[REDACTED]

Thanks,
Brian

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RE: Book order - James Webb research

From: Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 12, 2021 10:19:19 AM EDT
Received: August 12, 2021 10:19:19 AM EDT

No worries at all. I will send over a order confirmation as soon as possible.

Adrienne Towry

Business Specialist

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Book order - James Webb research

Yes. Thanks again and sorry for the confusion!

On: 12 August 2021 09:09, "Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion]" <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov> wrote:

Do you want this book shipped to you also Brian?

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 7:16 AM

To: Pierce, Allison M. (MSFC-RS40) <allison.m.pierce@nasa.gov>; Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>

Cc: James, Christopher K. (MSFC-CS01) <christopher.k.james@nasa.gov>

Subject: Re: Book order - James Webb research

Thanks! Was trying to split between both jobs .

On: 12 August 2021 07:08, "Pierce, Allison M. (MSFC-RS40)" <allison.m.pierce@nasa.gov> wrote:

Adrienne,

Can you please add the below book to the other books you are purchasing for Brian?

Thanks,

Allison Pierce

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From: Stephens, Philisha B. (MSFC-NA000) <philisha.b.stephens@nasa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 6:42 PM

To: James, Christopher K. (MSFC-CS01) <christopher.k.james@nasa.gov>; Pierce, Allison M. (MSFC-RS40) <allison.m.pierce@nasa.gov>

Subject: FW: Book order - James Webb research

Chris/Ali,

We don't have anyone on our HQ team with credit card capabilities. Do you have anyone on your business team that can purchase things on a credit card?

Regards,

Philisha Stephens

Philisha B. Stephens

Chief, Enterprise Management Office

Office of Communications

Cell: (b6)

Email: philisha.b.stephens@nasa.gov

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Re: James Webb b5

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>, Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000) <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>, Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 12, 2021 10:27:41 AM EDT
Received: August 12, 2021 10:27:41 AM EDT

I agree on all counts. Only thing I'm reading here is last time we spoke with Dr. Z, he mentioned b5

b5

If we've moved on from that, I'm game for ditching the idea.

Also, could we all get together soon to discuss the future of the History Office at some point? As I've stated in the past, we need to know where we are going before we can really start long-term planning. I know there is still a lot in the air with libraries b5 Just really need some clarity if possible.

Brian

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From: ROBERT JACOBS <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 8:35 AM
To: "Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000)" <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: James Webb b5

I would agree. Not that there isn't a lot of information there, but Johnny's point is solid. b5

b5

bj

From: Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000) <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>; Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>; Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: James Webb b5

Hey Brian,

You've probably already talked this with Marc but my 64K question is b5

b5

My belief b5 [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

That sais, my hope b5 [redacted] NASA is doing too much positive in the world.

Ultimately, I'm wanting b5 [redacted] but that is looking forward.

Johnny

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 5:44 PM
To: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>; Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000) <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>; Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>
Subject: James Webb b5 [redacted]

Folks,

I'm still thinking through the idea for b5 [redacted] Here's a ROUGH frame for what I have at this point. Keep in mind that I haven't talked with the folks on the list at this point. Just wanted to get your initial reaction and where we were with something like this. Still several gaps to fill.

b5 [redacted]

POC: Brian Odom

Description:

b5 [redacted]
[redacted]
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b5 [redacted]

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Thoughts?

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: James Webb

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: b6 >
Sent: August 12, 2021 10:45:23 AM EDT
Received: August 12, 2021 10:45:23 AM EDT

Thanks, b6 ! I'm so sorry the contract stuff has been such a Kafkaesque nightmare that has taken forever. Your plan sounds good to me and I understand the struggle to get into the archives. I'm certainly sympathetic to the archivists as well.

I was actually attempting to schedule a trip to Truman library at some point as well. I'll keep you in the loop on that.

Thanks again for working with us on this and please let me know if there is anything you need from me.

Brian

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b6

From: b6
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:37 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: James Webb

Hi Brian,

I'm not researching yet. My contract only came through yesterday, and I'm waiting for the final copy to sign today. I'm also awaiting approval from the National Archives for my initial registration. As soon as that is all in place, I can request appointments. At this time, they are only allowing researchers access on Tuesdays and Thursdays and only 10 people at a time. I don't know when I will be able to schedule my first appointment yet. This is only for the State Department records. I plan to go through those before I start the process of getting the legislative records for the Hoey committee.

Things are slowly coming into place.

b6

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 11, 2021, at 6:27 PM, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi b6 ,

Hope things are going well with the research under the horrible conditions. Let me know if you'd like to chat about the project tomorrow or Friday. I have another project I'd like to discuss with you as well.

Thanks,
Brian

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b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: b6 [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 10:14 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: James Webb

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From: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 12, 2021 10:56:53 AM EDT
Received: August 12, 2021 10:56:53 AM EDT

Thanks for the update Brian

Eric P. Smith
office: 202-358-2439
mobile b6

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 10:47 AM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: James Webb b5

Hi Eric,

Spoke with the OCOMM folks and I think we are going to place this b5 idea in the "rectangular file."

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From: "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
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To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: James Webb b5

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To: Zurbuchen, Thomas H. (HQ-DA000) <thomas.h.zurbuchen@nasa.gov>, Connelly, Sandra (HQ-DA000) (sandra.connelly@nasa.gov) <sandra.connelly@nasa.gov>
Cc: Volosin, Jeffrey F. (HQ-DH000) <jeffrey.f.volosin@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 20, 2021 10:14:04 AM EDT
Received: August 20, 2021 10:14:00 AM EDT

Notes

Short list today

1. James Webb legacy

a. Hertz has heard:

i. b5

b5

1. Possible Administrator announcement before Space Symposium?

b. Hertz would like to be ready with statement and communication for Astrophysics community

i. Transparent about decision, open about rationale for keeping name

c. Question: How can SMD/APD prepare for any announcement?

2. Webb Telescope GO program.

a. Question: What is plan for being able to talk openly with STScI about increase in planning budget for Webb GO program?

3. Kartik Sheth starting detail at OSTP on Monday

a. Discussion: How can we keep DEIA momentum going in SMD?

b. Request: Kartik was lead for SMD's RFI on Research Gaps (action that came out of Harper's Ferry leadership retreat). Hertz would like b5

4. Space Symposium: Any additional input needed

5. Paul's future -- opportunity to discuss

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Lavender Scare/James Webb Project

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: b6
Sent: August 20, 2021 10:46:00 AM EDT
Received: August 20, 2021 10:46:00 AM EDT

Thanks, b6

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)
Acting NASA Chief Historian
NASA Headquarters
Washington, DC
b6 (cell)

On 8/20/21, 9:23 AM, b6 > wrote:

Good morning,

I wanted to give you a quick update. Unfortunately, as I feared, the National Archives are overwhelmed with requests for research appointments. I finally got my first appointment lined up for September 28th. Hopefully, I will be able to get more appointments in a more reasonable time frame after that.

Take care,

b6

Sent from my iPad

Re: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>, Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>, Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Cc: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 20, 2021 10:50:37 AM EDT
Received: August 20, 2021 10:50:37 AM EDT

Ha! Much appreciated, Karen. Thanks again, Cheryl and Bob.

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From: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 at 9:49 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, "Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020)" <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>, ROBERT JACOBS <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>, Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming

Because b5, I would recommend b5.

The way I handle that Brian so that it doesn't sound weird coming from you is to say "Unfortunately all I can share right now is the current NASA statement: NASA is aware of concerns. . . "

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

Office of Communications

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM
To: "Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020)" <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>, "Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000)" <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>, "Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020)" <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming

You're the boss, but doesn't Bob's comment flow from that statement and prevent me from sounding like Hal from 2001?

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

Acting NASA Chief Historian

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b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: "Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020)" <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>

Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 at 9:30 AM

To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, ROBERT JACOBS <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>, Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>

Cc: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming

Good morning, all. We should continue to use our existing statement for inquiries until we have something more to share. Here's what we have been using:

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

Best,

Cheryl

Cheryl Warner

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 8:35 AM

To: Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>; Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming

Looks good to me. That should have been b5 [REDACTED]" (thanks iPhone!)

On: 20 August 2021 07:28, "Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000)" <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov> wrote:

b5

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>; Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000) <bob.jacobs@nasa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming

Folks,

Would "b5" work for the response? Let me know if you have another idea.

Thanks,

Brian

Begin Forwarded Message:

From: "Nardi, Luca" b6
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming
Date: 20 August 2021 03:02
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Dear Mr. Bodom,

I am an italian science communicator working for Media Inaf, the online magazine of the Italian Institute of Astrophysics.

Since I am writing an article about the issue of the possible renaming of James Webb Space Telescope, and since I've read on nature that you are pursuing the archival research about James Webb past in the Lgbt+ community persecution, I would like to insert your quotes inside my article.

The question is simply "Have you found anything about this? Do you have any update about your research?"

I would need this before Sunday, since the article will go out on Monday morning.

Thank you so much in advance.

Best regards,

Luca Nardi

[EXTERNAL] RE: Lavender Scare/James Webb Project

From: b6
To: b6 >, PAUL R. MCKINNEY <paul.r.mckinney@nasa.gov>, Brian C. Odom <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, MCKINNEY, PAUL R. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <paul.r.mckinney@nasa.gov>, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: b6
Sent: August 20, 2021 10:50:49 AM EDT
Received: August 20, 2021 10:51:03 AM EDT

Thank you for the update.

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To: b6 >; PAUL R. MCKINNEY <paul.r.mckinney@nasa.gov>; Brian C. Odom <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Lavender Scare/James Webb Project

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Lavender Scare/James Webb Project

From: MCKINNEY, PAUL R. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <paul.r.mckinney@nasa.gov>
To: [REDACTED]
Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 20, 2021 10:52:34 AM EDT
Received: August 20, 2021 10:52:35 AM EDT

[REDACTED]

Glad to hear you have your initial appointment scheduled. As you mention, hopefully scheduling will become a little faster.

Regards,

Paul R. McKinney, PMP
NASA/MSFC/SRACES Program Manager
[REDACTED] (NASA Cell)
[REDACTED]
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Sent: August 20, 2021 10:53:17 AM EDT
Received: August 20, 2021 10:53:17 AM EDT

Hi Luca,

Unfortunately, all I can share right now is the current NASA statement:

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Best,

Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

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[b6] (cell)

From: "Nardi, Luca" [b6]
Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 at 3:02 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Update about Jwst naming

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Questions about the name of the James Webb Space Telescope

From: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 24, 2021 8:21:54 AM EDT
Received: August 24, 2021 8:21:55 AM EDT

Thanks, Paul! Yes, we are still sticking with the holding statement at this point – I'll get back to him.

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 7:50 AM
To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Questions about the name of the James Webb Space Telescope

Alise –

Please respond to this. I assume our response is just to send the holding statement, but let me know if we are doing something else by now..

Paul

Paul Hertz (paul.hertz@nasa.gov) (he/him/his)

Director, Astrophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate

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300 Hidden Figures Way SW, Washington, DC 20546-0001

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From: b6
Sent: August 24, 2021 6:50 AM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Questions about the name of the James Webb Space Telescope

Dear Sir,

I am writing in regard to the recent controversy about the name of the JWST. After a petition (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PS_rtSOzaH40q1r_jQkhJhXmW97DOW-S6dqGA0jDKzM/edit) <[My name is b6, and I am a french journalist at the scientific magazine Ciel & Espace \(\[www.cieletespace.fr\]\(http://www.cieletespace.fr\)\)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PS_rtSOzaH40q1r_jQkhJhXmW97DOW-S6dqGA0jDKzM/edit&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|999cbb44826d4a073c4208d966f9c292|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637654045153439834|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=egGvXISdw4y+kSrl73FqLF7DvAJtckQ5Aif55611C+4=&reserved=0>> was launched back in May to change the name of the telescope, the Nasa started an investigation to determine if James Webb deserves such honor.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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I thank you very much in advance for your answer,

Best regards,

b6

b6

Re: [EXTERNAL] Questions about the investigation on James Webb

From: [REDACTED] >
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 24, 2021 12:20:58 PM EDT
Received: August 24, 2021 11:22:17 AM EDT

Hi Brian,

That's all right, thank you still for your answer !

Have a nice day,

[REDACTED]

Le mar. 24 août 2021 à 16:17, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> a écrit :

Hi [REDACTED]

Unfortunately, all I can share right now is the current NASA statement:

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

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Brian

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[REDACTED] (cell)

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 4:59 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Questions about the investigation on James Webb

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RECENT HOT TOPICS

Perseverance Mars Rover Sample Collection Update

On Sept. 2, NASA provided an update about how the Perseverance rover has successfully cored its first rock, and it will obtain additional imagery of the sample tube before potentially completing the process of collecting its first scientifically-selected Mars sample:

Data received late Sept. 1 from NASA's Perseverance rover indicate the team has achieved its goal of successfully coring a Mars rock. The initial images downlinked after the historic event show an intact sample present in the tube after coring. However, additional images taken after the arm completed sample acquisition were inconclusive due to poor sunlight conditions. Another round of images with better lighting will be taken before the sample processing continues.

Quick Reference

Upcoming Events Public Dates

Hurricane Ida, Michoud Assembly Facility, and Stennis Space Center

Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana on Aug. 29, affecting NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans and Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. NASA has been providing public status updates, including one Sept. 3 on damage assessment and recovery work.

Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana on Aug. 29, affecting NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans and Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. No injuries have been reported, but both locations sustained some damage.

Stennis was able to open for some operations this week while Michoud remains closed as teams conducted detailed damage assessments and initial cleanup work.

Michoud manufactures and assembles some of the largest parts of NASA's Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft. Stennis is the agency's premier propulsion test complex.

Media Reports of ISS Russian Module Small Cracks

On Aug. 30, media began reporting that small cracks had been discovered on Russia's Zarya module on the International Space Station. Below is our response to requests for comment:

There are currently no issues impacting crew or normal International Space Station operations, and no new potential leak sites have been identified. We are in regular coordination for station operations with all our international partners, including Roscosmos.

SpaceX CRS-23 Mission to the International Space Station

The SpaceX CRS-23 cargo mission to the International Space Station launched Aug. 29 from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida and docked to the station Aug. 30.

SpaceX's 23rd (CRS-23) commercial resupply services mission under contract with NASA delivered more than 4,800 pounds of cargo to the International Space Station.

SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft was filled with supplies and payloads including critical materials to directly support dozens of the more than 250 science and research investigations that will occur during the space station's Expeditions 65 and 66.

Research on this cargo mission included:

APEX-08, an experiment that will study plants' genetic responses to stress to identify key targets for genetic engineering of plants more suited to microgravity.

READI-FP experiment will study how bio-collagen and bioactive metabolites sourced from waste products in wine production could have potential protective effects on bone tissue during spaceflight. It could also that could contribute to prevention and treatment of the bone loss that affects many post-menopausal women on Earth,

Retinal Diagnostics, which will test the potential to capture images of the human retina in space using a commercially available ophthalmology lens. The lens is approved for routine clinical use with mobile devices.

GITAI Robotic Arm Tech Demo, a technology demonstration of a robotic arm designed to conduct common crew activities directed by teleoperations from Earth.

MISSE-15 NASA, an experiment that will expose materials such as concrete, thin-film solar cells, and more to the harsh environment of space to test their performance and durability.

Faraday Research Facility, a new tool for conducting small experiments in microgravity. During this first mission, the facility will host a study testing remote drug delivery, as well as experiments designed by Girl Scouts.

The Dragon spacecraft will spend about one month attached to the space station. Dragon will remain at the space station for one month until it returns to Earth with research and return cargo and splashes down in the Atlantic Ocean.

The space station is a convergence of science, technology, and human innovation that demonstrates new technologies and enables research not possible on Earth. The space station serves as the springboard to NASA's human exploration of deep space, including future missions to the Moon and Mars.

Landsat 9 Launch Update

On Aug. 27, we announced a new no earlier than target launch date for Landsat 9:

NASA and United Launch Alliance currently are reviewing the launch date for the Landsat 9 spacecraft scheduled to launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. Current pandemic demands for medical liquid oxygen have impacted the delivery of the needed liquid nitrogen supply to Vandenberg by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and its supplier Airgas. Airgas converts the liquid nitrogen to gaseous nitrogen needed for launch vehicle testing and countdown sequences. DLA and Airgas now have implemented efforts to increase the supply of liquid nitrogen to Vandenberg. The Landsat 9 launch now is targeted for no earlier than Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021.

Landsat 9 is a joint NASA and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) mission that continues the legacy of monitoring Earth's land and coastal regions, which began with the first Landsat in 1972. The mission will launch on a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex 3 at Vandenberg.

ISS U.S. Spacewalk Postponed and Rescheduled

On Aug. 23, NASA announced it was postponing the U.S. spacewalk outside the International Space Station scheduled for Aug. 24. Below is our statement and updates:

The U.S. spacewalk outside the International Space Station originally planned for Tuesday, Aug. 24 with NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei and JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) astronaut Akihiko Hoshide has been postponed due to a minor medical issue involving Vande Hei. This issue is not a medical emergency. The spacewalk is not time-sensitive and crew members are continuing to move forward with other station work and activities. Teams are assessing the next available opportunity to conduct the spacewalk following the SpaceX CRS-23 cargo resupply launch planned for Aug. 28 and upcoming Russian spacewalks. The preview briefing Aug. 23 is also being rescheduled and will be announced at a later date.

On Aug. 24, Mark Vande Hei Tweeted:

"Thanks for everyone's concern. I have a pinched nerve in my neck that caused us to reschedule today's spacewalk. The support from family, friends, and NASA leadership has been fantastic. I'm looking forward to installing this IROSA Mod kit. Today just wasn't the right day."

On Aug. 27, NASA announced the updated date for the spacewalk:

The spacewalk that had been scheduled for Aug. 24 is being moved to Sept. 12. This is the earliest opportunity to accomplish U.S. EVA 77 after arrival of the SpaceX CRS-23 cargo Dragon spacecraft and the first two Russian spacewalks to begin outfitting the newly arrived Nauka laboratory. Mark Vande Hei will provide internal support for spacewalkers Thomas Pesquet of ESA (European Space Agency) and Akihiko Hoshide of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) while Vande Hei continues to recover from a minor medical issue. All spacewalkers are trained in a variety of tasks they may need to perform, and Pesquet has performed similar tasks in previous spacewalks. This will be the first spacewalk conducted out of the Quest airlock by two international partner astronauts at the space station.

36th Space Symposium

NASA participated in the 36th Space Symposium Aug. 23 to 26 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Below are the key points we made throughout the conference:

NASA value statement:

We share a set of core values — safety, integrity, teamwork, excellence, inclusion — and they are evident in all that we do.

There are jobs and there are careers. But at NASA, our work is more than just a profession — it's a lifelong pursuit, a passion — and a chance to change the history of humanity.

For more than 50 years, NASA has been breaking barriers to achieve the seemingly impossible — from walking on the Moon to pushing the boundaries of human spaceflight farther than ever before.

NASA carries out its groundbreaking missions because of our world class workforce – and we do so with our incredible commercial and international partners.

Why the Moon:

NASA is going to the Moon under the umbrella of Artemis to inspire the Artemis Generation, for scientific advancement, to enable a lunar economy, to further American leadership in human exploration, rebuild and build new global alliances and to get ready for our next giant leap: sending the first astronauts to Mars.

In support of the Biden-Harris Administration's goal of rebuilding old and establishing new global alliances, NASA and our partners will go to the Moon for the benefit for all. We will unite the world in the peaceful exploration of outer space. With a growing global interest in exploring the Moon, America must continue to lead in human exploration, and doing so will allow us to uphold the norms and standards of peaceful exploration as outlined in the Outer Space Treaty and reaffirmed in the Artemis Accords.

Value of NASA:

Later this year, the James Webb Space Telescope will launch on its mission to advance our quest to understand the cosmos. It will fundamentally alter our understanding of the universe and holds the key to the possibility of answering the age-old questions: where do we come from? And are we alone?

Not only are NASA activities unlocking research and development that will define the future of American space travel and aeronautics, but the agency is also contributing to state and local economies that are key to unlocking a stronger economy, advances in science and technology, and improvements to humanity.

NASA works with small businesses and suppliers across the nation – including those in Colorado – to support NASA's human exploration, science, and technology programs including Artemis.

NASA will always look upward and push out into the unknown and protecting our home planet is also central to our mission. NASA is establishing a new wildfires program that will draw from our satellite and airborne observations to advance the nation's science and information capabilities to identify the most pressing challenges to preventing, responding to, and recovering from wildfires.

Blue Origin Lawsuit Over Human Landing System Award

It was announced on Aug. 16 that Blue Origin has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims over the agency's human landing system award. Below is our response for comment about the suit, and a follow up statement on Aug. 19:

NASA was notified Aug. 16 that Blue Origin filed a bid protest with the United States Court of Federal Claims (COFC) following the denial of the protests filed with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) regarding NASA's selection for the human landing system (HLS) Option A award. NASA officials are currently evaluating the situation. NASA is committed to the Artemis program and the nation's global leadership in space exploration. With our partners, we will go to the Moon and stay to enable science investigations, develop new technology, and create high paying jobs for the greater good and in preparation to send astronauts to Mars. As soon as possible, the agency will provide an update on the way forward for returning to the Moon as quickly and as safely as possible under Artemis.

Aug. 19 Update:

NASA has voluntarily paused work with SpaceX for the human landing system (HLS) Option A contract effective Aug. 19 through Nov. 1. In exchange for this temporary stay of work, all parties agreed to an expedited litigation schedule that concludes on Nov. 1. NASA officials are continuing to work with the Department of Justice to review the details of the case and look forward to a timely resolution of this matter.

NASA is committed to Artemis and to maintaining the nation's global leadership in space exploration. With our partners, we will go to the Moon and stay to enable science investigations, develop new technology, and create high paying jobs for the greater good and in preparation to send astronauts to Mars.

Media Report Allegation about International Space Station 2018 Hole

On Aug. 12, the Russian news agency TASS published stories (<https://tass.com/science/1325247>

<https://tass.com/science/1325275>) quoting an unnamed source who made allegations related to a hole discovered in a Soyuz spacecraft at the International Space Station in 2018. Below is our response to calls for NASA comment:

All the International Space Station partners are dedicated to mission safety and the welfare of the crew. The International Space Station partners all participate in multiple reviews prior to every major station activity to assess and ensure the safety of all crew members. The hole that was detected in late August 2018 by the space station crew was quickly sealed, restoring air-tight pressure to the station. Russian cosmonauts conducted a spacewalk that December to gather additional engineering data for Russian specialists on Earth and to look externally at the effectiveness of the internal repair. The Soyuz spacecraft was thoroughly checked and deemed safe for the crew to return to Earth, which it did, on Dec. 20, 2018.

Our NASA crew members perform their missions with professionalism and integrity. NASA astronauts, including Serena Aunon-Chancellor, are extremely well-respected, serve their country and make invaluable contributions to the agency. We stand behind Serena and her professional conduct and do not find these accusations to be credible.

Private Spaceflights

Below is our response to the public and media who call for NASA comment about Virgin Galactic's July 11 and Blue Origin's July 20 suborbital private spaceflights:

This year is truly a renaissance for human spaceflight both as we fly NASA and international partner astronauts on U.S. commercial crew spacecraft to the International Space Station and also as we see the expansion of private astronaut missions. As more people fly to space and do more things during their spaceflights, it attracts even more people to do more activities in low-Earth orbit and reflects the growing market we envisioned when we began NASA's Commercial Crew Program 10 years ago.

Hurricanes and NASA

June 1 is the official start of hurricane season for the Atlantic Ocean.

After 2020 brought a record number of named storms in 2020, NASA is once again prepared to help understand and monitor these storms from its unique vantage point of space.

NASA develops and launches satellites for NOAA, which is the lead federal agency for forecasting hurricanes. But the science of hurricanes doesn't start – or end – with forecasting.

Global warming is increasing the heat in the ocean basins and already making it more likely that storms will intensify faster and be stronger, a phenomenon NASA scientists continue to study deeply.

With the challenge posed by climate change, NASA has never been more committed to innovation in Earth science research.

Our next-generation Earth System Observatory, announced on May 24, missions will help us understand extreme weather events and other climate-fueled hazards to inform the solutions of the future.

NASA researchers and data also support U.S. stakeholders before, during and after storms make landfall.

Stages of NASA Data:

Pre-storm assessment (feed weather prediction and forecasting models)

Near-real-time assessment (identify potential impacts ahead of landfall)

Post-storm assessment (help identify needs for support after landfall)

Data access and visualization

The NASA Disasters Mapping Portal takes disaster-related data and puts it into understandable, usable formats real-time use and application with the goal to bridge the gap between science products and the people who can use the data to assist in preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery.

After a hurricane makes landfall, NASA satellites are in prime position to identify impacts such as damage, flood depth and extent, power outages, rainfall accumulation, landslide risk, and even soil moisture.

That information helps local governments, the Army Corps of Engineers, and FEMA monitor infrastructure failures and disruptions, isolate contaminated water supplies, and identify hotspots for urgent response needs.

NASA also does plenty of its own deep research on hurricanes and tropical cyclone dynamics. A few examples among many:

NASA's Global Modeling and Assimilation Office is pioneering the use of ultra-high-resolution global weather and micro-climate models.

The CPEX-AW airborne campaign planned in the Caribbean this August and September will pilot new technology to use LiDAR to better understand atmospheric winds and convective clouds in tropical storms.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is studying the use of artificial intelligence/machine learning to improve hurricane prediction capabilities using NASA satellite data.

Webb Name Webb Telescope Name Statement

On May 7, Slate.com posted an article with the headline and sub-headline "The James Webb Space Telescope Hasn't Launched Yet. In One Way, It's Already a Relic. It will collect important data, but what does its name say about who it's for?" Below is our response to the public and media who call for comment:

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

Fiscal Year 2022 NASA Full Budget Proposal

On May 28, the Biden-Harris Administration released the full budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2022.

President's Fiscal Year 2022 budget requests \$24.8 billion for NASA, an increase of more than 6% over what the agency received the previous year.

Overarching Points

This funding request demonstrates the president's commitment to NASA and the people across the agency and its partners who have worked so hard this past year under the most difficult circumstances and achieved unprecedented success.

The NASA workforce and the American people should be encouraged by what they see in this budget request. It is an investment in our future, and it shows confidence in what this agency has to offer. We owe it to the president and the American people to be good and responsible stewards of every tax dollar invested in NASA.

This budget request includes the strongest NASA budget ever for science, which will help address the climate crisis at home and abroad, as well as advance robotic missions that will pave the way for astronauts to explore the Moon and Mars.

This is also the strongest budget for exploration since the Apollo program.

This budget request will restore America's global standing, promote racial and economic equity, and drive economic growth.

Supports Human Exploration of the Moon, Mars, and Beyond

The president's funding request increases funding for Artemis by \$350 million and gives us the resources to advance America's bipartisan Moon to Mars space exploration plan, agreed to by the Administration and Congress.

This request keeps us on the path toward a regular cadence of Artemis missions with crew to the Moon by the middle of the decade.

NASA's human landing system contract award, with the goal of a human demonstration mission to the lunar surface by 2024, is under protest.

NASA is currently reviewing the overall Artemis timeline based on appropriations and expected budget, and outcome of the human landing system protest. We hope to provide an updated Artemis timeline later this year following conclusion of the protest.

The FY2022 budget request assumes an Artemis I launch no earlier than November 2021, an Artemis II launch no earlier than September 2023, followed by Artemis III targeted for late 2024 and Artemis IV for late 2025. Landing the first woman and first person of color on the lunar surface as part of the Artemis program will promote equity – signaling to every American they too can see themselves among the stars.

With NASA's Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft, as well as U.S. commercial partnerships with the human landing system and Gateway lunar outpost, we will send astronauts to the Moon to test technologies and exploration practices that will make future missions more productive than ever before.

This budget funds an upgraded Space Launch System, known as Block1B, that can deliver larger cargos to lunar orbit. Gateway, built with our commercial and international partners, is important to sustainable lunar operations.

The foundation of our lunar outpost is targeted to launch no earlier than November 2024, with additional modules from our international partners launching later.

We are working day and night to reduce risks and overcome the challenges of long-term human exploration of the

Moon and Mars.

The budget funds early design work and planning for additional surface architecture necessary including the lunar terrain vehicle and surface habitats to ensure our astronauts can explore more of the Moon than ever before and stay for increasingly longer periods of time in deep space.

NASA's Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative is advancing technologies to support mission operations on the Moon. This budget includes funding for the preliminary design of a fission surface power system that could power operations on the Moon and Mars.

Further Robotic Exploration of the Solar System and the Universe

This funding request also furthers robotic exploration of the solar system and the universe.

The budget provides more than \$650 million for the Mars Sample Return mission, the highest priority large mission in planetary science.

It includes strong support for planetary defense, including the near-Earth objects (NEO) Surveyor mission to detect asteroids and comets that could potentially impact Earth.

Enhances Research and Development at NASA

This funding request supports continued progress developing cutting-edge space technologies, transformative capabilities, and renewable energy, all of which feed the economy and create good paying American jobs.

Investing in new technologies enhances NASA's missions and fosters the growing space economy.

NASA routinely demonstrates new technologies, reducing overall risk and encouraging industry adoption. The budget includes \$500 million for technology demonstrations.

It fully funds the On-orbit Servicing, Assembly, and Manufacturing 1 (OSAM-1) mission. Robotically refueling a satellite and manufacturing and assembling spacecraft parts in-orbit will foster a more sustainable space economy.

Launching next month, our Laser Communications Relay Demonstration will demonstrate a technology that can provide 10-100 times better data rates than commonly used radio frequency communications systems. In the coming years, we'll further refine laser communications technology for use in deep space.

More than \$280 million would be directed toward small business innovation research and technology transfer. The increase of \$60 million will provide more money to small companies to research new ideas and develop innovative solutions to challenging problems.

An investment in NASA and space infrastructure reaffirms our nation is the world's premier partner in space collaboration, and we will be for decades to come.

We are investing in aviation to make our skies safer, our fuels cleaner, and to get you to your destination faster than ever before. This also includes investing in next-generation aeronautics research that will safely integrate automated aircraft systems with piloted airplanes.

This budget enhances American competitiveness in the global aviation industry including the first two flights of new X-57 and X-59 aircraft.

NASA aeronautics is leading transformation of the way people and goods are moved through Advanced Air Mobility (air taxis, drone cargo deliveries, etc.), an emerging market expected to be worth \$115 billion a year by 2035.

It will help safely deliver revolutionary aviation capabilities to previously underserved local, regional, intraregional, and urban areas. NASA investments today will spur the advancements of tomorrow.

The budget provides a \$30 million increase to accelerate transformative science at the frontiers of biological and physical sciences research in space.

Advances Climate Science

Climate change has increasing economic and national security impacts, and this budget increases investments in climate research and science programs.

This funding increases our ability to better understand Earth and how it works as an integrated system, from our oceans to our atmosphere and how it all impacts our daily lives.

NASA is developing the next-generation Earth System Observatory. NASA's new Earth System Observatory will provide the world with an unprecedented understanding of our Earth's climate system, arming us with next-generation data critical to mitigating climate change, and protecting our communities in the face of natural hazards.

The Earth System Observatory will help improve our understanding of extreme weather events and our decision making on climate resilience, adaptation, and mitigation. It will also inform decisions that ensure communities have the resources they need to build resilience prior to these crises.

Research on zero-emissions aviation

NASA Aeronautics is partnering with industry, academia and other agencies through the Sustainable Flight National Partnership to accomplish the aviation community's aggressive climate change agenda. Through advanced vehicle technologies, efficient airline operations and sustainable aviation fuels, collectively NASA and our federal government and industry partners aim to reduce carbon emissions from aviation by half by 2050, compared to 2005, and achieve net-zero emissions by 2060.

NASA continues to lead the development of new small spacecraft capabilities. For example, small platforms can enable distributed observations for climate science.

Builds a Diverse Future STEM Workforce

This budget invests in the Artemis Generation. It requests funding for NASA's STEM engagement efforts for the first time in five years to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and explorers by supporting the agency's STEM efforts.

With this budget, NASA will increase funding for Space Grant and MUREP and will work with university and consortia partners to implement initiatives focused on diversity, equity and inclusion.

NASA taps into the skills of a diverse group of partners and reaches new groups through our small business programs, academic partnerships, and prizes, challenges, and crowdsourcing activities.

The Space Technology Mission Directorate is collaborating with OSTEM's Minority University Research and Education Project to offer research planning grants and incentivize partnerships between minority-serving institutions and small businesses, setting them up to apply to NASA opportunities.

Continues Research on the International Space Station

The space station is a convergence of science, technology, and human innovation that demonstrates new technologies and enables research not possible on Earth. The space station remains the springboard to NASA's next great leap in exploration, including future human missions to the Moon and eventually to Mars.

With continued support for the International Space Station and the Artemis program, the president welcomes the international community to join us as we push human exploration deeper into space.

This budget supports early design maturation of multiple commercially owned and operated low-Earth orbit (LEO) destinations (free flyers) from which NASA, along with other customers, can purchase services and stimulate the growth of commercial activities in LEO.

In addition to maintaining continuous U.S. access to a space station in LEO, these new and more cost-effective platforms will democratize access to space by lowering the barriers to entry for the next generation of researchers, technologists, and tourists.

UPCOMING EVENTS PUBLIC DATES

Below are the publicly listed dates of some high-profile activities/events/milestones in 2021 and 2022. Internal planning, target, and pre-decisional dates are not listed below as they're not official and public yet. The public dates listed are as specific as they can be, at this time. This list will be regularly updated, as appropriate. Text in red is newly updated public information:

U.S. Spacewalk at ISS – Sept. 12: Thomas Pesquet of ESA (European Space Agency)

and JAXA astronaut Akihiko Hoshide spacewalk to install a support bracket in preparation for future installation of the International Space Station's third new solar array. NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei will provide internal support for spacewalkers.

Landsat 9 – No Earlier than Sept. 23: NASA and U.S. Geological Survey launch latest Earth observation satellite, Landsat 9, from California

Lucy – Oct 16: NASA's Lucy mission to study the Trojan asteroids of Jupiter will launch from Florida

Boeing Orbital Flight Test-2 – TBD – Boeing's uncrewed CST-100 Starliner OFT-2 (Orbital Flight Test-2) launch from Florida to the International Space Station

NASA's SpaceX Crew-3 – No Earlier than Oct. 31: Crew-3 will launch to the space station from Florida

Webb Telescope – (Launch Readiness Date) Oct. 31: NASA's James Webb Space Telescope to help answer questions about our cosmic origins launches from French Guiana

NASA's SpaceX Crew-2 Return – Early to mid-November: Crew-2 returns to Earth

DART – Nov. 24: Window opens to launch Double Asteroid Redirection Test from California, NASA's first flight demonstration for planetary defense

Webb Telescope – November/December: The James Webb Space Telescope completes mission deployments/arrives in its L2 (second Lagrange Point) orbit about 29 days after launch

Artemis I – This Year: NASA is reviewing launch date for first integrated flight test of the uncrewed Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft launches on a multi-week mission around the Moon

Orion splashdown – Late 2021, pending Artemis I launch: NASA's Orion spacecraft splashes down on Earth following a multi-week mission around the Moon

CAPSTONE – Fall 2021: NASA CubeSat to validate new navigation technologies and verify dynamics in Gateway's planned orbit will launch to space from New Zealand

Imaging X-Ray Polarimetry Explorer – Fall 2021: NASA's IXPE mission to discover the secrets of black holes, pulsars, and other high-energy objects in the universe launches from Florida

Astronaut Candidates – Late 2021: NASA will announce selections for the next class of astronaut candidates to begin training

Laser Comm – Under Review: NASA's Laser Communications Relay Demonstration to test optical communications launches from Florida

Boeing's Crew Flight Test – Under review pending OFT-2: Boeing's CFT earliest possible launch to space station from Florida

Boeing Starliner-1 – Under review pending earlier flight tests: Launch date for first operational Boeing commercial crew launch to space station from Florida

Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-T – Jan. 8, 2022: NASA and NOAA's latest weather satellite, GOES-T, launches from Florida

Axiom Mission 1 (Ax-1) – no earlier than January 2022: First private astronaut mission to the International Space Station, expected to be about 8-10 days long

Intuitive Machines' CLPS Flight – Early 2022: Suite of robotic NASA payloads sent lunar surface as part of a Commercial Lunar Payload Services delivery. Landing takes place in the following weeks

Artemis II Crew Announcement – 2022: NASA will announce the astronauts that will fly on the first crewed flight of Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System rocket for the Artemis II mission.

Astrobotic's CLPS Flight – 2022: Suite of robotic NASA payloads sent to the lunar surface as part of a Commercial Lunar Payload Services delivery. Landing takes place in the following weeks.

X-57 – 2022 – Flight test for NASA's first all-electric plane, X-57, at Armstrong Flight Research Center

Webb Telescope – Spring 2022: First science images from the James Webb Space Telescope, about six months after launch

TROPICS Launch – Spring 2022: Time-Resolved Observations of Precipitation structure and storm Intensity with a Constellation of Smallsats (TROPICS), a constellation of six CubeSats, will launch from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The satellites will work together to provide near hourly updates of hurricanes and tropical cyclones

The next crew rotation mission to the International Space Station after NASA's SpaceX Crew-3 is targeted for no earlier than mid-April 2022: The specific commercial crew partner's spacecraft and rocket will be determined at a later date

X-59 QueSST First Flight – (tentative June 1, 2022): The first flight of the X-59 Quiet SuperSonic Technology (QueSST) aircraft will take place out of Lockheed flight facilities in Palmdale, California

Psyche – August 2022: Window opens to launch Psyche from Florida, NASA's mission to study the metal-rich asteroid 16 Psyche.

Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) Launch – November 2022: Launch of SWOT to observe details of the ocean's surface topography, and measure how water bodies change over time, jointly developed by NASA and the Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES), with contributions from the U.K. Space Agency (UKSA) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA)

PACE Launch (Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem) - 2022: PACE will advance the assessment of ocean health by measuring the distribution of phytoplankton, tiny plants and algae that sustain the marine food web

TEMPO launch (Tropospheric Emissions Monitoring of Pollution) - 2022: NASA's first Earth Venture Instrument mission will measure pollution of North America, from Mexico City to the Canadian oil sands, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific hourly and at high spatial resolution. TEMPO will be the first space-based instrument to monitor air pollutants hourly across the North American continent during daytime

NISAR Launch (NASA + Indian Space Research Organization + synthetic aperture radars) – 2023: Joint mission between NASA and the Indian Space Research Organization to track subtle changes in Earth's surface, spot warning signs of imminent volcanic eruptions, help to monitor groundwater supplies, track the melt rate of ice sheets tied to sea level rise, and observe shifts in the distribution of vegetation around the world

AGENCY COMMUNICATION THEME PRIORITIES

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Earth

NASA uses the vantage point of space to understand and explore our home planet, improve lives and safeguard our future.

Tagline: Your Home. Our Mission.

Flight

NASA explores new technologies to make aircraft greener and quieter, get you gate-to-gate safely and on time, and transform aviation into a new economic engine at all altitudes.

Tagline: NASA is With You When You Fly.

Humans in Space

NASA leads human space exploration in low-Earth orbit with commercial and international partners to enable missions to the Moon and Mars. International Space Station missions are a catalyst for economic development and the advancement of scientific knowledge and new technologies that improve our lives.

Tagline: Leading Discovery, Improving Life on Earth.

Moon to Mars

NASA is leading a sustainable return to the Moon with commercial and international partners to expand human presence in space and bring back new knowledge and opportunities.

Tagline: Moon Lights the Way.

Solar System & Beyond

NASA is exploring our Solar System and beyond, uncovering worlds, stars, and cosmic mysteries near and far with our powerful fleet of space and ground-based missions.

Tagline: Discovering the Secrets of the Universe.

Space Tech

NASA technologies advance capabilities for space exploration, promote America's global leadership in innovation and transform the world around us.

Tagline: Technology Drives Exploration

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Regarding my prior statements

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I know the social media lead was interested in this topic, which I'm sure you already know.

On: 07 September 2021 10:49, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi b6

Thanks for sending this. Let's do tag up at some point this week to discuss. Are you around Thursday and Friday?
Looking forward to hearing your presentation on SERVIR.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding my prior statements

Dear Dr. Odom and Cat,

I hope you are both well. I am eagerly preparing for my presentation regarding SERVIR, which will be completed before my end date on September 17th.

In the meantime, I wanted to reach out to share with you some work I have done on my own time to verify some statements I sent to you earlier in the summer. These statements were written from a place of great respect for NASA, and from a place of concern, as my work as a scholar puts me in a position, I think, to "read the room" of a given cultural moment.

Presently, we are in a moment of reckoning about the Lavender Scare, a period of accelerated workplace discrimination against LGBTQ people that occurred in the United States from 1950-1973 originating in the U.S. State Department. Presently, the Lavender Offense Victim Exoneration (LOVE) Act is making its way through congress, and within this Act, there is language in which congress formally apologizes and takes a level of responsibility for its role in

what happened at the State Department. In 2019, PBS released the first documentary film about the Lavender Scare, and since then, many educators have begun incorporating materials on the Lavender Scare into their classrooms. Just five years ago, there was little public knowledge of the Lavender Scare. The moment of reckoning is happening now.

In the midst of this cultural moment, NASA has found itself in a tricky position: In 2002, when the James E. Webb Telescope was named, only a handful of people—namely, a few archival researchers—were aware of the leadership role Webb played as an early architect of the Lavender Scare discriminatory practices. It would not be until 2004 that Webb's name would appear in a prominent book of history in relation to the Lavender Scare.

The passage regarding Webb may be found on p. 104 of *The Lavender Scare: The Cold War Persecution of Gays and Lesbians* by historian David K. Johnson (2004, University of Chicago Press). It reads:

On June 22, [1950,] President Truman and Undersecretary of State James Webb met to discuss how the Hoey Committee and the White House might “work together on the homosexual investigation.” Truman told the undersecretary “he was sure we could find a proper basis for cooperation” and agreed that Webb and two White House aides should meet with Hoey to establish a modus operandi.

The archival documents that Dr. Johnson quotes and paraphrases in this passage are:

- o James E. Webb, “Meeting with the President, Thursday, June 22, 1950,” Box 9, Entry 53D444, Secretary's Memoranda, 1949–1951, Records of the Executive Secretariat, RG 59, NARA.
- o David D. Lloyd to Mr. Spingarn, July 3, 1950, in “Sex Perversion” folder, Box 32, WHCF (White House Central Files), HST (Harry S Truman) Library
- o Stephen Spingarn, “Memorandum for the Hoey Subcommittee Sex Pervert Investigation File,” June 29, 1950, in “Sex Perversion” folder, Box 32, WHCF (White House Central Files), HST (Harry S Truman) Library

Dr. Johnson's book went on to win three national book awards, including the Herbert Hoover Award in U.S. History. This book is quite reputable, having been printed by Chicago University Press, which we can trust as having a rigorous peer-review process. Even without access to the archival records that Dr. Johnson draws from, I believe we can place a high degree of trust in his direct quotations and summaries of the archival documents.

These archival records, as shown in the passage above, position James Webb as a decision-maker during the period in which the anti-LGBTQ architecture of the Lavender Scare was established. Specifically, this passage confirms that Webb met with President Truman on June 22, 1950 in order to establish how the White House, the State Department, and the Huey Committee might “work together on the homosexual investigation.” These records also show that Truman agreed to send two White House aides with Webb to meet with the Hoey Committee. This is to say: in mid-1950, Webb was meeting with figures outside of his own department to set the agenda and broker alliances for what ultimately became further anti-LGBTQ actions that took part in the State Department during his time there.

Further establishing Webb's leadership role in the Lavender Scare is a memo drafted to Webb by a subordinate dated June 23, 1950. While access to the memo via the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is currently unavailable due to COVID, facsimiles of several pages of the memo were shared to social media by the National Archives LGBTQ Employee Affinity Group, Stonewall@NARA. I believe we can place a level of trust in the NARA's LGBTQ Employee Affinity Group to have posted accurate facsimiles.

These facsimiles of the first three pages of the memo may be viewed here:

- [Discovering LGBTQ History, Stonewall@NARA, Information on Homosexuals Folder, Memo from Humelsine to Webb, June 23, 1950](#)

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This memo, notable for its disturbing homophobic language, confirms that by 1950, Webb was aware of the full extent of the harassing investigations and surveillance being conducted against LGBTQ employees in the State Department, and, along with the meeting records cited by Dr. Johnson, this memo positions Webb as a decision-maker within the context of the anti-LGBTQ activities in the State Department that occurred from 1950-52.

This memo to Webb is quoted and analyzed in the work of historian Naoko Shibusaka. Dr. Shibusaka's work takes an interest in the rhetoric used to justify homophobia during the early 1950s in the United States. In her article quoted below, Shibusaka shows how much of the pervasive homophobic rhetoric that emerged in the 1950s can trace its origins to the State Department.

Here is a passage from Dr. Shibusaka's article "The Lavender Scare and Empire: Rethinking Cold War Antigay Politics" <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.jstor.org/stable/44376170&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|83a301ca81c94038baaa08d972141e77|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637666252992874939|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=/9jlfy/3/48b8KWj9GqrfEUfiwMPo0fFiuoKQmqB3Jt4=&reserved=0>> which can be found on p. 732 of the journal *Diplomatic History*, vol. 36, No. 4 (Oxford University Press, 2012):

"In a June 23, 1950 memo to Undersecretary of State James Webb, Carlisle Humelsine (then assistant secretary prior to his promotion to deputy undersecretary) stated that they had "no evidence" that homosexual employees were a security breach. Lacking material cause [for the firings] the department needed another coherent, comprehensible rationale. And perhaps for this reason unnamed state department officials [later] found Waldeck's narrative assuring and thus worth preserving; her interpretation seemed to validate the actions the department had been taking."

The archival and historical documents that Dr. Shibusaka quotes and refers to in this passage are:

o Carlisle H. Humelsine to [James E.] Webb, "Problems of Homosexuals and Sex Perverts in the Department of State," June 23, 1950, folder, "Information on Homosexuals," Reading Files of Director Samuel D. Boykin, box 5, Record Group (RG) 59, NARA, College Park, Maryland. (see Stonewall@NARA)

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o She also makes reference to works of R. G. Waldeck, who later penned an anti-LGBTQ conspiracy theory in 1952 entitled "Homosexual International," (*Human Events* 9, no. 16, April 16, 1952), which, among other homophobic works by Waldeck, were retroactively used to justify the State Department's extralegal anti-LGBTQ actions.

In the passage above, Shibusaka takes note of the degree to which, in the memo to Webb, Humelsine emphasizes that there is "no evidence" that having an LGBTQ identity has ever prevented a State Department employee from properly fulfilling their duties. This excerpt from the memo fuels Dr. Shibusaka's argument about a potential motive for the State Department's subsequent homophobic actions: perhaps they'd been caught red-handed firing people without probable cause, and now a public campaign of homophobia was needed to justify these firings.

Thinking more broadly about these extralegal, heavily publicized LGBTQ firings at the State Department, it is also worth considering the timing of Webb work there. Webb began his position as Undersecretary of State in January 1949, and he resigned in early 1952. It is also worth considering the chain of command at the State Department that time: There was only one Undersecretary of State, and that was Webb. Deputy Undersecretary Peurifoy, and later Deputy Undersecretary Humelsine (who replaced Peurifoy), reported to only one direct supervisor during that time: Webb. Webb had one direct supervisor, and that was Secretary of State Dean Acheson. (Note: Webb's position, Undersecretary of State, has since been renamed "Deputy Secretary of State;" it was essentially a second-in-command position to the Secretary of State).

In early 1950, Webb's subordinate Peurifoy made a series of statements to the press and various committees revealing that the State Department had fired 91 LGBTQ employees (see: Johnson 2004). While these firings are believed to have begun quietly as early as 1947 (see: memo Humelsine to Webb, Johnson 2004), which was two years before Webb's time there, these firings continued under his watch. Likewise, the extralegal firings that occurred under Webb's watch were heavily publicized and politicized, and were likewise tied to homophobic rhetoric composed in the State Department that Webb personally delivered to members of congress. Additionally, two more rounds of extrajudicial homophobic firings occurred after Peurifoy left, and after Webb can be established as playing a leadership role in the matter. These firings were conducted by Webb's subordinate Humelsine: Fifty-four LGTBQ firings occurred in 1950-51 and 119 in 1951-52 (see: Shibusaka 2012). Webb resigned from his position in 1952, and conspicuously, the extralegal highly publicized firings of LGBTQ workers ended when Webb left. Webb's immediate subordinate and supervisor were still there for another year, yet in 1952-53, these types of highly publicized, extralegal firings were suspiciously absent. Whatever we might make of this, the dates in which the LGBTQ firings were publicized and politicized very cleanly line up with the time that Webb was there.

It is also worth considering that these discriminatory actions predated the legal backing for anti-LGBTQ workplace discrimination. Executive Order 10450 was not signed into law until 1953. If we are to follow Shibusaka's analysis, we might consider that, during the time Webb was there, the State Department began working in earnest to justify these extralegal firings that had happened without probable cause. Following this line of reasoning, we might return to the above memo and notice its date: June 23, 1950. The day after Webb met with President Truman. And Webb soon shared this memo, brimming with homophobic rhetoric, in his meeting with the Hoey Committee. As this homophobic memo passed from the hands of Webb to the senators in the Hoey Committee, it became a rhetorical tool used to spread anti-LGBTQ discrimination beyond the State Department. As this rhetoric was repeated by senators and the press, it became a tool in ushering in a new, accelerated era of homophobia nationwide (Shibusaka 2012). This all occurred prior to the 1953 signing into law of Executive Order 10450, meaning there were no legal justifications for these discriminatory actions at that time. This were simply vigilante acts of anti-LGBTQ discrimination--acts that formed the basis of future, more institutionalized forms of anti-LGBTQ discrimination (See: Johnson 2004, Shibusaka 2012, Adkins 2016).

That Webb played a leadership position in the Lavender Scare is undeniable. The only thing left up to historical debate in this matter is whether or not his heart was in it. Was Webb emotionally invested in the persecution of LGBTQ people? Or was he simply trying to save face--by spreading homophobia and doubling down on the firings--following the public revelation of firings that had happened without probable cause? Either way, one thing is clear: he still did those things. And those things served a key role in a bigger thing, a thing that as NARA archivist Judith Adkins has pointed out

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We will likely never find statements in Webb's own words explaining his rationale for his actions during the Lavender Scare. This is due to an uncharacteristic level of secrecy with which Webb conducted himself regarding that time. We

can get a sense of this in a 1969 interview with Webb that is digitally available from the LBJ Library: Transcript, James E. Webb Oral History Interview I, 4/29/69, by T. H. Baker, Electronic Copy, LBJLibrary
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http://www.lbjlibrary.net/assets/documents/archives/oral_histories/webb-j/webb.pdf&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|83a301ca81c94038baaa08d972141e77|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637666252992884895|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I1k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=LNI0IXzWo7TemhE01cgyXr9s1UQ8ocQcT5loCJEu7kU=&reserved=0>. In this interview, Webb admits that he intentionally avoided keeping a daily time diary during the time that he worked under President Truman (during which the Lavender Scare firings were carried out). Additionally, in his introductory remarks to the interview transcript, which were written later, Webb expresses a level of anxiety about having revealed too much in the interview. Even in 1969, Webb still expressed nervousness about disclosing anything regarding his activities that occurred during his time at the State Department. A quick glance through the folder names in the James E. Webb Papers in the Harry S. Truman Library
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/library/personal-papers/james-e-webb-papers&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|83a301ca81c94038baaa08d972141e77|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637666252992894850|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I1k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=L3Pdo+7AQuCOSvBRLLkD/XE5a4aZ2Dj0ebhJ+ljbmQY=&reserved=0>> indeed shows that there are no daily diaries or events calendars for the years 1949-52--even though Webb kept these things in other years. We might then conclude that Webb conducted himself with an uncharacteristic level of secrecy during his time at the State Department, and because of this, it is unlikely that we will find any statements in Webb's own words pertaining to his rationale for directing harm towards so many LGBTQ people.

His actions, then, must speak for themselves.

By the time Webb reached NASA, the anti-LGBTQ tactics he helped pioneer at the State Department had been signed into law through Executive Order 10450--a law that was influenced by the rhetoric and actions that emerged from the State Department during Webb's time there (See: Johnson 2002, Shibusaka 2012, Adkins 2016). In that regard, any homophobia in hiring practices that Webb might have exercised at that time would have blended in. Anti-LGBTQ discrimination, in part thanks to Webb, was now a typical employment practice. In 1973, Following Webb's time at NASA, Executive Order 10450 was overturned by a federal judge. I cannot however find any evidence that Webb offered any form of apology for his involvement in the events leading up to the creation of what was later deemed an unjust law.

Even after 1973, anti-LGBTQ sentiment continued to be a major problem at NASA. Sally Ride was celebrated as the first American female astronaut to go to space, and it was only learned after her death that she had a female partner of 27 years. Many have speculated that anti-LGBTQ sentiment at NASA made Ride feel unsafe in disclosing her sexual orientation. In 2013, NASA released an "It Gets Better
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.huffpost.com/entry/nasa-it-gets-better_n_4297053&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|83a301ca81c94038baaa08d972141e77|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637666252992894850|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I1k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=gcaj5SUXyUkU4OAwtn+iuZbl9r6wufNgsIAPrtwt8UI=&reserved=0>" video, uplifting the voices of LGBTQ NASA employees and bringing attention to their accomplishments. This video, one sign of a culture shift at NASA towards LGBTQ inclusivity, and also helped build public support towards the federal legalization of same-sex marriage in 2015. In 2021, organizations like NASA HQ Pride Alliance offer hope to LGBTQ employees at NASA and in STEM in general. Additionally, NASA now has an Agency Mission to promote LGBTQ diversity in the workplace.

Unfortunately, STEM workplaces are still more hostile to LGBTQ professionals than to their non-LGBTQ peers. A 2021 sociological study showed that STEM professionals who are LGBTQ are "more likely to experience career limitations, harassment, and professional devaluation" than their non-LGBTQ peers (Cech and Waidzuunas, Science Advances

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<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.abe0933&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|83a301ca81c94038baaa08d972141e77|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637666252992904809|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=FspH5arAIF+9f80TxEYK60DImgr5tztHpumC18/dixY=&reserved=0>>). The same study also showed that LGBTQ STEM professionals are more likely to say they intend to leave STEM than their peers. The legacy of anti-LGBTQ sentiment still unfortunately very much exists in STEM workplaces, a legacy from which Webb's name cannot be responsibly untangled.

There are a few blog posts--none of which are written by archivists or historians--that use circular, strawman arguments to attempt to exculpate Webb of his involvement in the Lavender Scare. These arguments focus on misprints in non-peer-reviewed sources. These blog posts fail to engage any of the existing peer-reviewed historical research and archival evidence regarding the period that positions Webb in a leadership role regarding the LGBTQ firings as early as 1950. I would like to imagine that these bloggers have their hearts in the right place--that they aren't intentionally trying to erase LGBTQ history--and that their errors simply stem from their lack of training in historical and archival research.

In light of the "controversy" that these bloggers have attempted to generate, I believe it is important to emphasize that I have not been able to find any credible sources that dispute that Webb played a leadership role in the Lavender Scare. To the contrary, the rigorous, scholarly, and peer-reviewed materials about that time--including archival records--quite explicitly situate Webb as playing a leadership role in the Lavender Scare firings as early as 1950.

The trouble with putting a name like Webb's name on a telescope is that the name of such a facility will be bound to hundreds, if not thousands of people's careers. The name will be tied to their data, their findings papers, and their press releases. Additionally, as we have seen with the Hubble Deep Field in Ursa Major, the name of the telescope may even end up tied to regions of the sky. In this time of growing accountability for the Lavender Scare, keeping Webb's name on the telescope may send a message of exclusion, especially to LGBTQ NASA employees and other professionals in STEM.

In my own work as a scholar of culture, in the very first paper I published, I cited the work of a philosopher who I later found out murdered his wife. This name now haunts my work, evoking the specter of femicide. I worry that for NASA employees and scientists who use the telescope, they may not even know who Webb is yet, but once his name is tied to his work, they will find out. I can attest that it can be psychologically harmful and demotivating to have your work tied to the name of someone who instigated systemic harm against people like you.

I realize that to rename the telescope would ruffle feathers. But I do think the harm that could be averted outweighs the consternation it might cause.

As I write this, I find myself thinking about our NASA partners at SERVIR West Africa, many of whom live in countries in which LGBTQ identities are criminalized. If NASA were to take a strong position against institutionalized homophobia--by changing the name of the telescope--this may offer a level of hope to many in places around the world where LGBTQ people are still criminalized for being who they are.

In charting a way forward, a NASA tradition worth contemplating is that NASA instruments are sometimes renamed after they reach orbit. This has been the case with the Landsat satellites. Perhaps this might be a useful time to evoke that tradition?

Likewise, renaming the telescope after a scientist, for example, might be a great way to bring the focus back onto Webb's legacy while he was at NASA, a legacy marked by Webb's dedication to ensuring that science remain central to the NASA mission.

I realize there are others working on untangling Webb's past as well right now, and perhaps these writings are superfluous. I did think it was important, however, to support the words I sent to you both earlier. Please feel free to share this letter with anyone. I lament that there hasn't been more time to refine it, but the clock is ticking, and I feel I couldn't delay sending it a day longer. I am happy to discuss or unpack the details in this letter with anyone. While one may take or leave my personal analyses in this letter, I do think the archival materials and the secondary peer-reviewed sources speak for themselves.

My huge thanks to you both for your support during this internship. I'm looking forward to giving my presentation about SERVIR before my end date on Sept 17th.

All the best,

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Regarding my prior statements

From: b6
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 8, 2021 1:35:06 AM EDT
Received: September 8, 2021 1:37:55 AM EDT

Hi Brian,

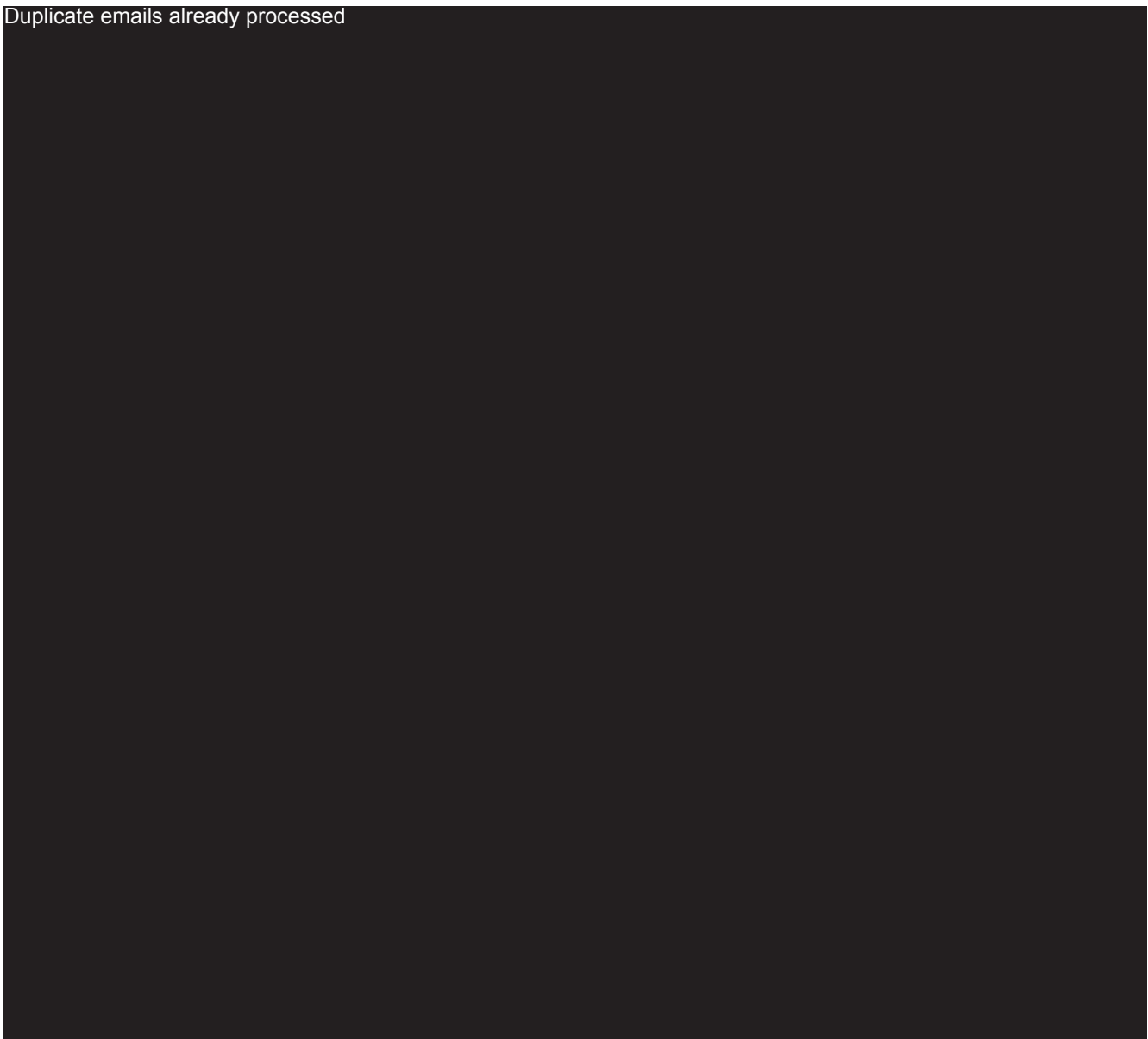
Thank you so much for your response. I would be honor to tag up on Thursday or Friday after 11am PST.

Best,

b6

On Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 7:49 AM Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Question on oral histories

From: Michael Hobbs <b6 >
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 10, 2021 10:48:46 AM EDT
Received: September 10, 2021 10:49:02 AM EDT

Good morning, Dr. Odom,

I hope you are well and that you are doing well.

I have a question that I realize you may not be able to answer for me: Do you have any sense of when your investigation into the documentation around James Webb's involvement regarding the "Lavender Scare" situation may be completed?

I fully understand if you're not able to say.

Thanks,

Mike Hobbs

On Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 1:03 PM Michael Hobbs <b6 > wrote:

Brian, thank you for that. I'll check with the museum, and reach out to Mr. Lambright. His book, Powering Apollo, is one of the biographies that has fueled my interest in this project.

I appreciate your help!

Mike

On Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 12:56 PM Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Glad to hear of your interest in Webb. On 1, I think you would have to check with Air and Space on that one. Number 2 is easier, former NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe was a fan of Webb (sort of saw himself following a similar career path) and it was O'Keefe who decided to name the observatory. Don't believe there is any documentation on that. You might connect with Henry Lambright on that.

Hope this helps.

Brian

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From: Michael Hobbs b6
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 at 8:08 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Question on oral histories

Good morning, Dr. Odom!

Thank you for your response via Alan's query.

I'm doing research about James Webb in advance of the launch of the James Webb Telescope. I work at UNC-Chapel Hill, where I am director of communications for the School of Education. Webb earned his bachelor's degree from our school, so we want to mark the occasion. But, the more I have learned about Webb (reading biographies of him and other materials), the more I am struck by the many contributions he made. He seemed to find himself in key moments/places throughout his career, playing roles that helped bring the U.S. into a modern age. I hope to be able to convey that.

Yes, I have been through the list of oral history interviews at the link you shared. (It's utterly fascinating to me how extensively NASA has documented its history. Bravo to all involved in doing this work that will certainly be treasured for many years to come.)

At this stage, two things I'm particularly interested in finding:

1. The actual audio of the oral history interviews James Webb did that are archived at a Smithsonian website:

<https://airandspace.si.edu/research/projects/oral-histories/TRANSCPT/WEBB1.HTM>
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://airandspace.si.edu/research/projects/oral-histories/TRANSCPT/WEBB1.HTM&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|edf450039c9d4154202c08d9746a2032|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637668821426374665|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=LQXS3j9iWz6RThn8s2VTSAY3rOMTtlg9w/rFxsTvBQk=&reserved=0>>

Perhaps I should ask someone at the Smithsonian?

2. Any documentation of the rationale for naming the Webb Telescope. I imagine there must be a report/document somewhere that made the case for naming the telescope after Webb, but my online searching hasn't found it.

I appreciate any help you might be able to extend to me.

Mike

On Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 7:34 PM Buis, Alan D (US 1865) <alan.d.buis@jpl.nasa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Brian! I've copied the Mike Hobbs here so he can follow up.

Best,

Alan

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 11:21 AM

To: Buis, Alan D (US 1865) <alan.d.buis@jpl.nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>

Subject: Re: Question on oral histories

Hi Alan,

Glad to help. Please feel free to send along any requests for oral histories. We have many filed in our HQ Archives and others are online at JSC History Webpage located here:

https://historycollection.jsc.nasa.gov/JSCHistoryPortal/history/oral_histories/oral_histories.htm

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://urldefense.us/v3/https://historycollection.jsc.nasa.gov/JSCHistoryPortal/history/oral_histories/oral_histories.htm;!!PvBDto6Hs4WbVuu7!c9Upm0uZrj6ga_8_tzwROZ6gFaHB9nTaltKL2IHV1qrY2pZUls_GJsL64Gnvtforg\$&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|edf450039c9d4154202c08d9746a2032|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637668821426384622|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=mdgUSyqRQxnWi+VtQOdBdy2RHYragInB57ZSH4c3kvQ=&reserved=0> Just let me know how I can assist.

Best,

Brian

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From: "Buis, Alan D (US 1865)" <alan.d.buis@jpl.nasa.gov>

Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 11:36 PM

To: Allard Beutel <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Subject: RE: Question on oral histories

Thanks Allard, and thanks in advance Brian for any assistance!

Alan

From: Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 7:12 PM

To: Buis, Alan D (US 1865) <alan.d.buis@jpl.nasa.gov>; Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Subject: Re: Question on oral histories

Evening, Alan. I'm looping in our chief historian, Brian Odom, who will likely know the answer to these and other historical questions. :)

On: 02 June 2021 20:51, "Buis, Alan D (US 1865)" <alan.d.buis@jpl.nasa.gov> wrote:

Hey Allard,

A friend of mine has a question about NASA's oral history program and I'm hoping you can steer me the right way. He asked:

Do you know who at NASA I should contact to attempt to get particular audio files from NASA's oral histories? I'm doing some research/writing about James Webb, the late former NASA administrator, and would love to have the audio of the oral history interviews he did with NASA historians. (I have the transcripts already.)

Who should I direct his query to please?

Thanks,

Alan

James Webb naming

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000) <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 10, 2021 3:09:05 PM EDT
Received: September 10, 2021 3:09:05 PM EDT
Attachments: James Webb_b6 Document.docx

Hey Bryan,

Just received a write up from one of my interns on the James Webb issue (attached). We had a good talk about it today. Lots of good information in there that I'll incorporate into a final report, once we get to that point. I've told Marc about it but will circle back with him early next week.

Thoughts?

Brian

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Meeting link

From: Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 10, 2021 3:12:18 PM EDT
Received: September 10, 2021 3:12:19 PM EDT

Okay, let me know if you'd like to chat about it.

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Meeting link

I'm a bit concerned but I think it will be okay.

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From: "Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc]" <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 at 1:56 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Meeting link

No worries! I'd be interested in what shook out from that meeting at some point.

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Meeting link

Sorry, yeah. I just met with her about the James Webb issue.

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From: "Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc]" <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, September 10, 2021 at 1:40 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Meeting link

I never got a meeting link? Were you planning on this just being you and b6 ?

From: b6
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: Baldwin, Catherine E. (HQ-NH000)[Total Solutions Inc] <catherine.e.baldwin@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting link

Hello Dr. Odom & Cat,

It seems my NASA computer is on the fritz again.

Could I perhaps get a meeting link so I can sign in from my other computer?

The email is b6

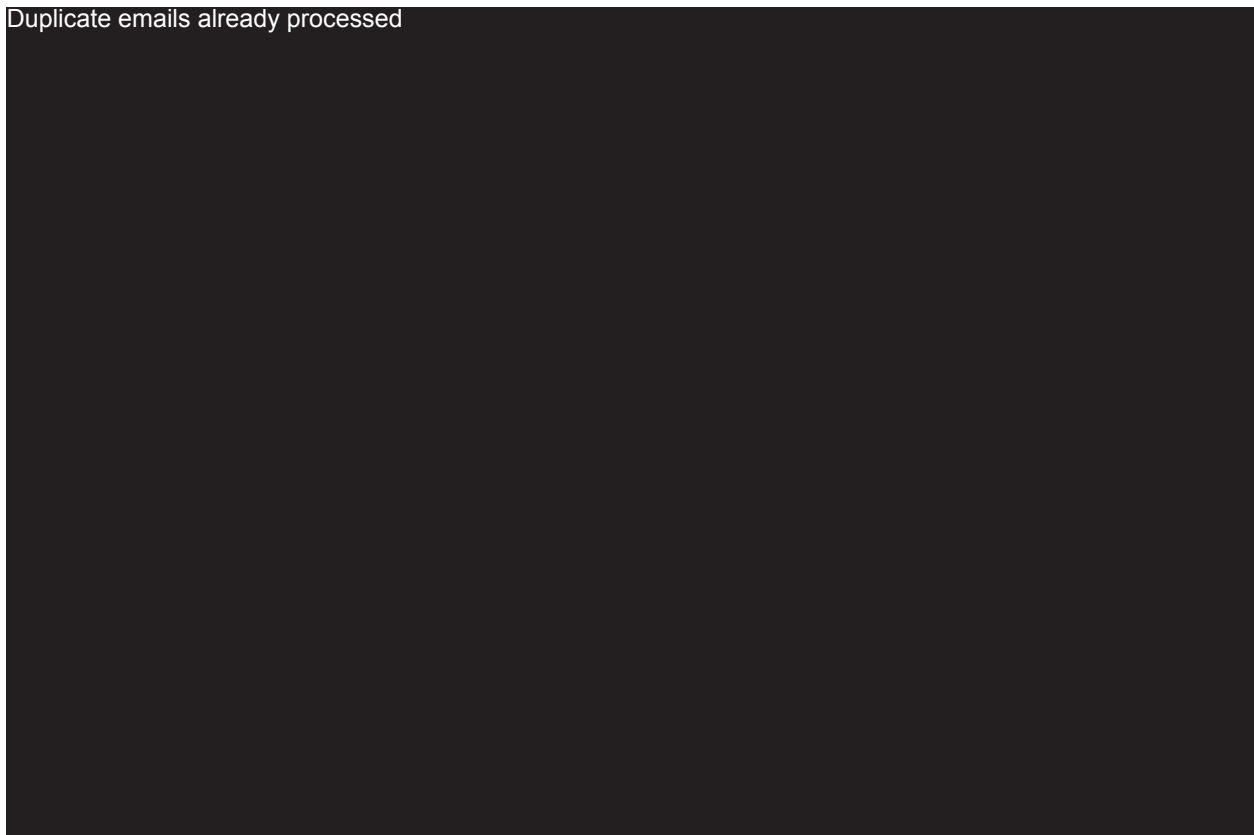
Thank you so much.

Best,

b6

On Tue, Sep 7, 2021 at 10:35 PM b6 > wrote:

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Request from France

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3573AA82ADE34C77AF683B05B47481B6-HERTZ, PAUL>
To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>, Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 20, 2021 9:49:35 AM EDT
Received: September 20, 2021 9:49:00 AM EDT

Alise –

Thanks. That would be great.

Paul

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From: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 20, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>; Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request from France

Thanks for sharing, Paul – I'm happy to get back to the reporter on your behalf to provide the current statement, since we don't have anything further to share at this time.

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 9:05 AM
To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>; Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Request from France

Please advise on whether I (we) should respond.

Paul

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From: LOMBART Gaël [REDACTED]
Sent: September 20, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request from France

Dear Paul Hertz,

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Many thanks in advance,

Kind regards

Gaël Lombart

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

From: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 30, 2021 12:09:15 PM EDT
Received: September 30, 2021 12:09:16 PM EDT

Thanks, Brian – I'll answer. **b5** . Maybe.

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

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From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 12:08 PM
To: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020)" <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

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Begin Forwarded Message:

From: "Jason Wright" <**b6**>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb
Date: 30 September 2021 10:48
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Hi, Brian.

I saw the news today
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.npr.org/2021/09/30/1041707730/shadowed-by-controversy-nasa-wont-rename-new-space-telescope&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|7fc974d4943642e851cf08d9842ca69b|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637686149566832731|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoic4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVC16Mn0=|1000&sdata=MdlzxAO9r/unrkDzH4RdFfSz1NMEhvhzPjhOxe6voM9I=&reserved=0>> that NASA has made a decision regarding the name of JWST based on having "exhausted our research efforts", which I presume is a reference to your division's work on this issue.

Do you know if there will be anything further on this issue made public, such as the results of your historical analysis?

Thanks,

Jason

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To: Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 23, 2021 10:06:41 AM EDT
Received: September 23, 2021 10:06:41 AM EDT

Thanks, Cheryl.

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From: "Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020)" <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:25 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request from France

For your info only, conversations continue on this topic and we may have an Administrator statement next week...thanks for your patience!

Cheryl Warner

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:00 PM
To: LOMBART Gaël <glombart@leparisien.fr>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request from France

Hi Gaël,

Unfortunately, all I can share right now is the current NASA statement:

NASA is aware of concerns that have arisen about James E. Webb, and we are working with historians to examine his role in government. NASA named its next generation observatory, the James Webb Space Telescope, after its second administrator, who helped establish the Apollo Program that landed humans on the Moon. The agency made the naming decision in recognition of Webb's role in retaining an active science program at NASA in the agency's early years. Webb's work as administrator laid the groundwork for today's accomplishments, and science remains a critical part of NASA's work: to understand the universe, advance exploration, and inspire the next generation.

Best,

Brian

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Re: [EXTERNAL] James Webb and the lavender scare

From: Potter, Sean (HQ-NA020) <sean.potter@nasa.gov>
To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>, Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Cc: SMD PAOs <hq-smdpaos@lists.hq.nasa.gov>, HQ-DL-Newsroom <hq-dl-newsroom@mail.nasa.gov>, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, Vinas Garcia, Maria-jose (GSFC-606.4)[TELOPHASE CORP] <maria-jose.vinasgarcia@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 24, 2021 11:33:54 AM EDT
Received: September 24, 2021 11:33:54 AM EDT

Thanks, Alise.

From: "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 at 11:19 AM
To: "Potter, Sean (HQ-NA020)" <sean.potter@nasa.gov>, "Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc]" <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Cc: SMD PAOs <hq-smdpaos@lists.hq.nasa.gov>, Newsroom <hq-dl-newsroom@mail.nasa.gov>, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, "Vinas Garcia, Maria-jose (GSFC-606.4)[TELOPHASE CORP]" <maria-jose.vinasgarcia@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] James Webb and the lavender scare

Thanks for passing this along, Sean – will handle.

From: Potter, Sean (HQ-NA020) <sean.potter@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>; Pinol, Natasha R. (HQ-DA000)[Lentech, Inc] <natasha.r.pinol@nasa.gov>
Cc: SMD PAOs <hq-smdpaos@lists.hq.nasa.gov>; HQ-DL-Newsroom <hq-dl-newsroom@mail.nasa.gov>; Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>; Vinas Garcia, Maria-jose (GSFC-606.4)[TELOPHASE CORP] <maria-jose.vinasgarcia@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] James Webb and the lavender scare

Hi, Alise and Natasha – I'm not sure if you also received this inquiry, but forwarding it just in case and adding a few others for awareness...

Sean

From: Luca Tancredi Barone **b6**
Date: Friday, September 24, 2021 at 5:03 AM
To: "Potter, Sean (HQ-NA020)" <sean.potter@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] James Webb and the lavender scare

Dear Sean,

my name is Luca and I am a freelance science journalist based in Barcelona, Spain.

This summer, I wrote for an Italian newspaper about this story
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://mailtrack.io/trace/link/c46d7f3529d93d05dcb1470ffb04dc246127fea8?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nature.com%2Farticles%2Fd41586-021-02010-x&userId=5794189&signature=cb1e1a4a20b5fce8&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|390703d374d6427e9efb08d9>>

7f70b78d|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637680944351262417|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=co9gzaE7vn+f9EBNT5mz5IGm8q9mW PLZTBj0cbAwdU0=&reserved=0> regarding an investigation opened by NASA on the possibility of changing the name of the JWST because of Webb's murky past in connection with the lavender scare in the 50s.

Of course, there are now tons of news article on the launch of this exciting telescope, and I see zero mentions of this issue, and I was wondering if NASA had taken a decision or not. It indeed seems a bit unlikely to change the name 2 months before the launch, so what? Is NASA worried about the issue at all, or is it just letting pass by? Has a decision been taken? How is it being discussed? Who is going to decide?

FYI - here

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Thanks,

Luca

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Luca Tancredi Barone

Twitter: @lucabarone

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James Webb

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 27, 2021 1:50:24 PM EDT
Received: September 27, 2021 1:50:24 PM EDT

Hi Marc,

Here's the pertinent information on Webb's time with as Undersecretary of State:

Webb's time in government service from 1945 to 1953 (as well as his time as NASA Administrator, 1961-1968) coincided with a period in American history known as the Lavender Scare—a period in which thousands of gay federal employees were purged from government positions due to their sexual orientation. The Lavender Scare was connected to the activities of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the “Red Scare” which viewed Communist sentiments as a subversive activity.

Webb's direct connection to the Lavender Scare came on in February 1950 when his deputy Undersecretary of State, John Peurifoy testified before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations that the State Department had itself purged 91 homosexuals. The revelation of these firings touched off additional Senate hearings regarding the status of other homosexuals in the federal workforce. b5 [REDACTED]

Let me know if you need more/different information.

Brian

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RE: Webb name end of day update

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3573AA82ADE34C77AF683B05B47481B6-HERTZ, PAUL>
To: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>, Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>, Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>, Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 28, 2021 12:04:41 PM EDT
Received: September 28, 2021 12:04:00 PM EDT

Sure call on Teams. I will drop out of advisory committee meeting (I am not speaking yet). Paul

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From: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 28, 2021 12:03 PM
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Subject: Re: Webb name end of day update

Hi, Paul –

Can I call you on Teams or are you stuck in the meeting?

Patrick

Patrick Lynch

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b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 11:51 AM

To: "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>, "Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010)" <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>

Cc: "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>

Subject: RE: Webb name end of day update

Please do not wait until last minute to update me, as the meeting is ahead of schedule and I might start early (12:45?).

b5

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Should I b5

[REDACTED]

Paul

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Sent: September 28, 2021 9:21 AM

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Agreed – b5

[REDACTED]

We'll keep a close eye on it over the next few hours. But if nothing has been made public prior to your presentation, we'll want to regroup. Per Patrick's note below, we'll make sure we keep you closely updated and touch base before then.

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 9:10 AM

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b5

[REDACTED]

b5 [REDACTED] ?

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Subject: RE: Webb name end of day update

Hi Paul – b5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is the updated statement:

“We have found no evidence at this time that warrants changing the name of the James Webb Space Telescope.” – NASA Administrator Bill Nelson

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 9:05 AM

To: Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>; Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>; Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>

Cc: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>

Subject: RE: Webb name end of day update

Please clarify: b5 [REDACTED] ?

May I see the statement?

Paul

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Cc: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: Webb name end of day update

Good morning – please see below for the latest update on responses to the Webb name statement. Thank you!

From: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>; Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000) <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>; McGuinness, Jackie (HQ-NA000) <jackie.mcguinness@nasa.gov>; Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>; Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>; Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020) <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>; Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>; Brown, Brittany A. (HQ-NA020) <brittany.a.brown@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Webb name end of day update

Morning, all –

Overnight report:

The statement was sent to six reporters overall. So far we have seen no one publish a story or tweet about it.

The responses include:

- Witze/Nature: "Can you clarify the status of the inquiry into this matter? Paul Hertz has said in the past that two historians, one internal and one external, were looking into the situation. Is that investigation concluded or is it still underway?"
- Le Parisien: "Could you please tell me if the investigation is closed or still pending?"
- Greenfieldboyce/NPR: "Does this mean then that the investigation is complete? Was the decision that no evidence warrants a name change made by the agency administrator?"
- El Pais: "I acknowledge NASA's position. There's no answer to any of my questions then?"

If we haven't seen something go out by late morning we'll need to re-prepare Paul Hertz, who speaks at 1 pm to the AAAC.

b6 Best way to reach me this morning is at the cell number below.

Thanks,

Patrick

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From: "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>

Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:43 PM

To: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>, "McGuinness, Jackie (HQ-NA000)" <jackie.mcguinness@nasa.gov>, Karen Fox <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>, "Beutel, Allard (HQ-NA020)" <allard.beutel@nasa.gov>, "Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020)" <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>, "Brown, Brittany A. (HQ-NA020)" <brittany.a.brown@nasa.gov>

Subject: Webb name end of day update

Hi, all –

End of day heads up that the initial email was sent to Alex Witze an hour or so ago and Alise is starting to follow up with the handful of other reporters.

Alex responded with a quick question about the status of the historian investigations and I pointed her back to the statement.

Will keep you all posted, thanks,

Patrick

Patrick Lynch

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b6 (cell)

Re: Additional Webb talkers

From: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, McGuinness, Jackie (HQ-NA000) <jackie.mcguinness@nasa.gov>, Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000) <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>, Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000) <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 29, 2021 1:21:36 PM EDT
Received: September 29, 2021 1:21:37 PM EDT

Jeff Foust has tweeted about it:

https://twitter.com/jeff_foust/status/1443263163781328902
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://twitter.com/jeff_foust/status/1443263163781328902&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|6933667ca3c74b23b90d08d9836d9782|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637685328978296043|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCl6Mn0=|1000&sdata=S9rlxFvNFoERUxQifs1FXqbG+7VNc8FYjHVFHxNAmR8=&reserved=0>

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Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

Was just writing a note to you, Jackie!

Per previous discussion, we've been responding with:

This is the statement I can share: "We have found no evidence at this time that warrants changing the name of the James Webb Space Telescope." – Administrator Bill Nelson.

(She is writing us because she just heard Eric Smith recite that statement at the astro meeting.)

Do you wish to respond to her, Jackie, or should I?

--Karen

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

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To: "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>, "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

Irene just reached out:

Hi,

What is the status of the study NASA is doing at the request of some scientists asking for renaming of Webb?

Thanks

Irene

From: "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 1:02 PM
To: "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000)" <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>, "McGuinness, Jackie (HQ-NA000)" <jackie.mcguinness@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

Flag: Eric Smith was just asked about the name in his AAAC presentation and he provided the administrator's statement. No follow-ups were asked.

Alex Witze (Nature), Irene Klotz (Aviation Week), and Jeff Foust (Space News) were all on the call.

I'm providing a quick heads up to Allard, Cheryl, Brittany, too.

Patrick

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Cc: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, Karen Fox <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

Copy, thanks.

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Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, Karen Fox <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

I think we are going to hold off on using this for now.

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 10:59 AM
To: "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>, "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

I'm on board with that, Patrick. Thanks

Brian

On: 29 September 2021 09:29, "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov> wrote:

Bryan, all –

Following back up on this, after some thought overnight. Also adding Karen Fox back into the discussion now that she's back from the Landsat launch.

What if we stick with Bryan's initial statement (with Brian's suggested edit on the first part, and one suggested edit at the end), so it would read:

b5 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

Then, if people ask follow up questions, we could provide these answers:

b5 [REDACTED]

b5 [REDACTED]

b5 [REDACTED]

b5 [REDACTED]

Let me know what you all think. FYI – Eric Smith is before the AAAC at 12:30 today. And the live audio Twitter Spaces event is at 3 pm.

Thanks,

Patrick

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From: "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 4:26 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

Hi, Bryan –

Like Brian said, I think this looks good. I would suggest b5 [redacted]
b5 [redacted] Paul Hertz and Eric Smith are on public record in public NASA meetings back in the spring saying they are working with an independent historian. That is a question that keeps coming back to us. Suggested addition (including Brian's) below:

b5 [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

I recognize this adds a dimension to the response, but, just trying to head off what I think will be follow-up #1.

Patrick

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b6 [redacted] (cell)

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 3:50 PM
To: "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>, "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Additional Webb talkers

Looks good, Bryan. I'd only worry about first line related to "b5 [redacted]
[redacted]"

Also, note spelling of archives, not archieves.

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b6 [redacted] (cell)

From: "Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000)" <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 2:05 PM
To: "Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300)" <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>, "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)"

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Cc: "Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000)" <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>

Subject: Additional Webb talkers

Here's a draft additional talking point to be considered when answering reporter questions. Any thoughts?

b5

The text 'b5' is followed by three thick black horizontal bars that redact the content of the email body. The bars are stacked vertically and cover the majority of the page's content area.

RE: AUGUST 2021 SMD Priority Items

From: Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: August 16, 2021 1:37:45 PM EDT
Received: August 16, 2021 1:37:46 PM EDT

The COMMs folks are ready to go

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From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: AUGUST 2021 SMD Priority Items

Then we should have web pages ready to go, right?

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From: Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>

Sent: August 16, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: AUGUST 2021 SMD Priority Items

Btw, Johnny indicated that they would like to get something done by Space Symposium, which is next week

On: 16 August 2021 11:35, "Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010)" <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov> wrote:

Johnny is Marc Etkind's deputy

On: 16 August 2021 11:30, "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov> wrote:

Thomas says to me "b5 [REDACTED] b5 [REDACTED]." Both of us, through our independent paths, should let Thomas know that OComm has nixed doing what he asked.

Who is Johnny Stephenson?

Paul

Paul Hertz (paul.hertz@nasa.gov) (he/him/his)
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Sent: August 16, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>; Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Cc: Davis, Jeanne (HQ-DH000) <jeanne.davis@nasa.gov>; Volosin, Jeffrey F. (HQ-DH000) <jeffrey.f.volosin@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: AUGUST 2021 SMD Priority Items

Paul,

I provide the language to OCOMMs, which went to Marc Etkind. He prefers b5 [REDACTED] b5 [REDACTED]. Marc and Thomas communicate on a regular basis. I also had a follow up discussion with Johnny Stephenson this morning.

Hope this helps,

Greg

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Subject: RE: AUGUST 2021 SMD Priority Items

Greg –

I note that Thomas has added to this list something he said to me before I went on vacation: b5

b5 .”

In our tagup, Thomas said “b5

b5), linked to NASA website from STScI and all Webb telescope partners.”

Let me know if you need me to join you in directing these changes.

Paul

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From: Petree, Kirsten (HQ-DA000)[BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON] <kirsten.petree@nasa.gov>

Sent: August 10, 2021 12:38 PM

To: HQ-DL-SMD-SeniorPersonnel <hq-dl-smd-seniorpersonnel@mail.nasa.gov>

Subject: AUGUST 2021 SMD Priority Items

Importance: High

Hello all,

Please review the top priorities for the coming month that go above and beyond the normal business in SMD. I am sharing the list with you so that you can see what we are tracking and provide any additions or feedback. The expectation is that you will all cover these items when you have your standing tag-ups with Thomas and Sandra.

Thank you,

Kirsten

Kirsten Petree

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Re: [EXTERNAL] From Nature reporter, on #RenameJWST effort

From: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>, Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>, Gulley, Bryan F. (HQ-NA000) <bryan.f.gulley@nasa.gov>, McGuinness, Jackie (HQ-NA000) <jackie.mcguinness@nasa.gov>
Cc: Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>, Stephenson, Johnny F. (MSFC-NA000) <johnny.f.stephenson@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 29, 2021 5:16:26 PM EDT
Received: September 29, 2021 5:16:27 PM EDT

Cheers, Brian –

Thanks for forwarding this – we do have a new response to provide – and I will write Alex back with it and cc you.

Thanks,

Karen

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Karen C. Fox

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FYI

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From: Alexandra Witze b6
Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 12:04 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] From Nature reporter, on #RenameJWST effort

Hi Brian,

Earlier this week the NASA communications folks distributed a statement from Administrator Nelson saying that the agency had found no evidence at this time that warrants changing the name of the James Webb Space Telescope. The PR person who provided the statement could not answer further questions, and just now Eric Smith at an advisory committee meeting also said he had nothing to add.

Can I ask, have you and the independent researcher who have been looking into this issue concluded your studies? It wasn't clear from Nelson's statement whether the investigation had concluded or not.

Best

Alex Witze

Reporter, Nature


From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 7:53 AM

To: Alexandra Witze

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fact-checking from journalist with Nature, on James Webb historical research

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To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 29, 2021 5:18:52 PM EDT
Received: September 29, 2021 5:18:53 PM EDT

FYI – this is the new response, just so you have it. It’s still fairly short. . . but wanted you to be aware before I sent it to Alex. And, I am going to BCC you, not CC you, actually. I don’t want to put you in the position of seeming to be fully complicit in this response or to get a reply all with more questions.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT:

We’ve found no evidence at this time that warrants changing the name of the JWST.

QUESTION: Have we concluded our investigation?

- Yes, we’ve done as much as we can do at this point and have exhausted our research efforts. Those efforts have not uncovered evidence warranting a name change.

QUESTION: Do you have a report you are going to release.

- No, we don’t have anything to report because we haven’t found anything.

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

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To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 29, 2021 6:13:56 PM EDT
Received: September 29, 2021 6:13:57 PM EDT

Thanks, Karen!

On: 29 September 2021 16:20, "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov> wrote:

Cheers, Alex—

Brian forwarded me your email. To answer your question about the study of the Webb name – Yes, it's concluded. We've done as much as we can do at this point and have exhausted our research efforts.

--Karen

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Karen C. Fox

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To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>
Sent: September 30, 2021 12:08:21 PM EDT
Received: September 30, 2021 12:08:22 PM EDT

FYI

Begin Forwarded Message:

From: "Jason Wright" b6
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb
Date: 30 September 2021 10:48
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Hi, Brian.

I saw the news today
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.npr.org/2021/09/30/1041707730/shadowed-by-controversy-nasa-wont-rename-new-space-telescope&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|5e5b72575bda4d539c6308d98429cf94|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|637686137372913444|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=ktPEliJrHlx19ZTWfavubgyFRp/1TywymBBMZ62cKeY=&reserved=0>> that NASA has made a decision regarding the name of JWST based on having "exhausted our research efforts", which I presume is a reference to your division's work on this issue.

Do you know if there will be anything further on this issue made public, such as the results of your historical analysis?

Thanks,

Jason

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 2:22 PM Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

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Sent: September 30, 2021 9:03:39 PM EDT
Received: September 30, 2021 9:03:41 PM EDT

Folks,

Should I respond to this one as well with same understanding of where we are?

Brian

Begin Forwarded Message:

From: "Marina Koren" <b6 >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Time to chat about JWST? - The Atlantic magazine
Date: 30 September 2021 18:50
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Hi Brian,

I'm a science writer at The Atlantic in Washington, D.C., where I cover astronomy. I'm working on a story about JWST, and I'd like to ask you a few questions about your recent investigation of the observatory's namesake, former administrator James Webb.

Are you available for a phone interview tomorrow? It shouldn't take more than 15-20 minutes, and I'm happy to work around your schedule.

Best,

Marina

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Marina Koren
Staff Writer

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RE: New Nature story on Webb name

From: Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>
To: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>, Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
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Thanks Patrick.

Greg

NASA exists to reach for new heights and reveal the unknown so that what we do and learn will benefit all humankind.

Gregory L. Robinson

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From: Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>; Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>; Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: New Nature story on Webb name

Greg, Eric, Paul –

Alex Witze has published a new story in Nature on the Webb name: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02678-1> <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02678-1&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|13e3e19aa7364bdc8e8e08d98512316e|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637687135447471963|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoicMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=vBCXhUYFVxc/QzWUhhCbpH6hx1gxaOLFjzOfZ6YMXFQ=&reserved=0>>

Eric – there are some comments in there from the NASA historian relevant to questions you were asking yesterday.

Feel free to give me a call a Teams – and that goes for any of you – if you want some more background.

Thanks,

Patrick

Patrick Lynch

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Time to chat about JWST? - The Atlantic magazine

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: Marina Koren <b6 [REDACTED]>
Bcc: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, Etkind, Marc R. (HQ-NA000) <marc.r.etkind@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 1, 2021 3:35:51 PM EDT
Received: October 1, 2021 3:35:51 PM EDT

I'll be out of the office on leave next week. Maybe you can text me early in the week and we set something up.

Thanks,
Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

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b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: Marina Koren <b6 [REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, October 1, 2021 at 2:27 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Time to chat about JWST? - The Atlantic magazine

Great! I'll try you on Monday, if that works? This afternoon got a little too hectic on my end. Have a good weekend and I look forward to connecting.

On Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 3:10 PM Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi Marina,

You bet. Feel free to call anytime you have a chance – b6 [REDACTED]

Brian

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b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: Marina Koren <b6 [REDACTED]>

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: NASA Administrator Webb name statement

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F7F524F8D7464966B90B4F3D43743CA8-ODOM, BRIAN>
To: Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 1, 2021 3:57:33 PM EDT
Received: October 1, 2021 3:57:34 PM EDT

I hear that. Let me know if you need anything from my end. Have a great weekend!

On: 01 October 2021 14:56, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Brian, we'll be ridin' the tiger for a while on this one!

Eric P. Smith
office: 202-358-2439
mobile **b6**

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, October 1, 2021 at 3:40 PM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: NASA Administrator Webb name statement

Hi Eric,

Just wanted to ensure you saw this one: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02678-1>
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02678-1&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|73485b88029f4cf7bf0908d985159afc|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637687150103922384|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=qBABnG97P1vwA1YcTgDY2cGd+CAS53NXIvaiskaXd8A=&reserved=0>>

Brian

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From: "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:59 AM
To: **b6**
Cc: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: NASA Administrator Webb name statement

Hi,

Yes, the NPR story did make it seem like, "we've done all the looking we can", when in fact we've only just been able to access already publicly available material.

Eric

Eric P. Smith
office: 202-358-2439
mobile: b6

From: b6
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 8:57 AM
To: me <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: NASA Administrator Webb name statement

Hi Eric and Brian,

I saw the statement this week and read the NPR story. The Archives are supposed to reopen October 8th if all goes well. They haven't rescheduled my appointments though. I am going to try to find an end-around to get to some of the records if possible. The National Archives says that their reopening depends on covid rates in Prince Georges County. I wish that Prince Georges County would get things under control.

I can't say that I am happy about the way things were stated in the NPR story.

take care,

b6

On Sep 30, 2021, at 8:20 AM, Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi Brian, b6

The NASA Administrator sent the following statement earlier this week to several reporters who has asked about the Webb name issue in the past, " We have found no evidence at this time that warrants changing the name of the James Webb Space Telescope." It's starting to get out today through other media after I was asked about this at an astronomers meeting yesterday.

I think the research is still important and this statement keeps the door open for that.

Eric

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FW: [EXTERNAL] CNN comment request

From: McIntyre, Holly (GSFC-2720) <holly.a.mcintyre@nasa.gov>
To: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 4, 2021 11:59:34 AM EDT
Received: October 4, 2021 11:59:34 AM EDT

FYI- in case you come back to the CNN guy's initial request to you. This is being handled.

From: Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 11:52 AM
To: McIntyre, Holly (GSFC-2720) <holly.a.mcintyre@nasa.gov>; Lynch, Patrick G. (GSFC-1300) <patrick.lynch@nasa.gov>; Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>; Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Cc: Sooy, Peter R. (GSFC-443.0)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS] <peter.r.sooy@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] CNN comment request

Thanks, Holly. Adding our team members handling these inquiries. Thanks so much for passing it along!

Cheryl Warner

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From: McIntyre, Holly (GSFC-2720) <holly.a.mcintyre@nasa.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Warner, Cheryl M. (HQ-NA020) <cheryl.m.warner@nasa.gov>
Cc: Sooy, Peter R. (GSFC-443.0)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS] <peter.r.sooy@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] CNN comment request
Importance: High

Hi Cheryl,

Would your office be able to field this request?

Please let me know if there is anything you need from me and THANK YOU!

Very Best,

Holly

Holly McIntyre

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From: Andrew, Scottie <b6 >

Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 11:26 AM

To: Sooy, Peter R. (GSFC-443.0)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS] <peter.r.sooy@nasa.gov>; McIntyre, Holly (GSFC-2720) <holly.a.mcintyre@nasa.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] CNN comment request

Peter and Holly, hello,

Scottie Andrew with CNN here. I'm interested in learning more about NASA's investigation into claims that James Webb was involved in discrimination against LGBTQ employees during his tenure. What results did the investigation yield, and why has NASA decided against renaming the James Webb Space Telescope?

Please let me know if you're available to comment, or whether another NASA rep can. Your comments would appear in a CNN.com article. I appreciate your help; thank you.

Scottie Andrew (she/her)

Associate writer, CNN Culture & Trends

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 11:15 AM

To: Andrew, Scottie b6

Subject: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] CNN comment request

I will be out of the office on October 2-10. Please contact Holly McIntyre at Holly.a.mcintyre@nasa.gov with any urgent issues.

Re: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F7F524F8D7464966B90B4F3D43743CA8-ODOM, BRIAN>
To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 12, 2021 8:54:51 AM EDT
Received: October 12, 2021 8:54:53 AM EDT

Around 12:40 is great, but whichever is more convenient for you, thanks!

On: 12 October 2021 07:52, "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov> wrote:

I am hopping in a cab to the airport right at noon – going down to Kennedy for the Lucy launch. I could talk from the cab for ten minutes or closer to 12:40 after I get checked in. What's best?

In the meantime, may I put them directly in touch with you to set up a time to talk?

--Karen

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

Office of Communications

From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 8:38 AM
To: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

You bet. Can we quickly tag up around lunch to discuss?

On: 12 October 2021 07:37, "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov> wrote:

Cheers, Brian, and welcome back from your leave.

Are you available to talk to the Washington Post about research done for the Webb name?

They are hoping to talk to someone today if possible, tomorrow at latest. (They let me know on a separate email that their deadline was tomorrow (Wed.) night.)

Thanks,

Karen

From: Mark, Julian <Julian.Mark@washpost.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2021 11:52 PM
To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

Hi Karen,

I hope you've had a nice weekend. Your offer to speak directly to the historian is very much appreciated. Would it be possible to speak to him tomorrow between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. (I work overnight; sorry for the awkward hours.) If tomorrow doesn't work perhaps Tuesday at those same hours?

Please let me know.

Thanks!

Julian

From: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Mark, Julian <Julian.Mark@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

Also, our NASA historian is off this week – but depending on your deadline we could try to put you directly in touch with him next week. . .

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

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From: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Date: Friday, October 8, 2021 at 2:57 PM
To: "Julian.Mark@washpost.com" <Julian.Mark@washpost.com>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

Cheers, Julian –

Thanks for your patience. What I can offer you in response to your first set of questions is a NASA statement:

NASA's History Office conducted an exhaustive search through currently accessible archives on James Webb and his career. They also talked to experts who previously researched this topic extensively. NASA found no evidence at this

point that warrants changing the name of the James Webb Space Telescope.

For more information on Webb's NASA legacy:

<https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/content/about/faqs/wholsJamesWebb.html> [jwst.nasa.gov]
<[<https://history.nasa.gov/Biographies/webb.html#:~:text=James%20Edwin%20Webb%20was%20the,Frederick%20and%20Sarah%20Gorham%20Webb> \[history.nasa.gov\]
<\[If you'd be interested in interviews about the Webb telescope science \\(it's way cool!\\) I'd be happy to help get you an interview on that. . .\]\(https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://history.nasa.gov/Biographies/webb.html#:~:text=James*20Edwin*20Webb*20was*20the,Frederick*20and*20Sarah*20Gorham*20Webb__;!34lJSUIJSUIJQ!!M9LbjjnYNg9jBDflsQ!VQoOTAKc9wLJJ1J6ya_DKJQgt68k8GfMc6xb0CQ9xo-ZdAohtV7wbwc7HWHXieXs5g\$&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|e25abf175dc740a8cba408d98d7f2b6a|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637696399588679672|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=0PAG2DL6ER4/Cai3VGZYT37xVEMWsQYuyOOFOohZ+I=&reserved=0>></p></div><div data-bbox=\)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.jwst.nasa.gov/content/about/faqs/wholsJamesWebb.html__;!!M9LbjjnYNg9jBDflsQ!VQoOTAKc9wLJJ1J6ya_DKJQgt68k8GfMc6xb0CQ9xo-ZdAohtV7wbwc7HWH_vsX-38$&data=04|01|brian.c.odom@nasa.gov|e25abf175dc740a8cba408d98d7f2b6a|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637696399588679672|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=oCkYgLHhmiywufBuSVYzzE+V+LHfI8KFTA6OLyWkN00=&reserved=0>></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Thanks,

Karen

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Karen C. Fox

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From: "Mark, Julian" <Julian.Mark@washpost.com>
Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:07 PM
To: "Sooy, Peter R. (GSFC-443.0)[ASRC FEDERAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS]" <peter.r.sooy@nasa.gov>
Cc: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Betz, Laura E. (GSFC-1300)" <laura.e.betz@nasa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

Hi Peter --

I work with The Washington Post's overnight team, and I'm looking into the situation with the Webb Space Telescope naming, namely criticism that James Webb went along with -- and perhaps participated in -- discrimination against gay employees in the 1950-60s.

It appears NASA has made comments to NPR on the matter [gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]
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GQ=&reserved=0>, but I just wanted to confirm: Did NASA investigate Webb's history? What was the scope of the
investigation (who investigated, how long did it take, what materials were reviewed, who was interviewed)? What
specific findings did the investigation produce? Is NASA planning to rename -- or is considering renaming -- the
telescope in light of the criticism?

Lastly, could you explain James Webb's importance to NASA's legacy and the importance of keeping the telescope's
name, if that is what NASA decides to do?

Please let me know.

Many thanks,

Julian

RE: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

From: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3573AA82ADE34C77AF683B05B47481B6-HERTZ, PAUL>
To: Hasan, Hashima (HQ-DH000) <hhasan@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 12, 2021 10:41:26 AM EDT
Received: October 12, 2021 10:41:00 AM EDT

Not at all until after the meeting tomorrow. [b5]

Paul

Paul Hertz (paul.hertz@nasa.gov) (he/him/his)

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From: Hasan, Hashima (HQ-DH000) <hhasan@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 12, 2021 10:25 AM
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

Paul,

How should we respond to her?

Hashima

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Program Scientist: NuSTAR; W.M. Keck Observatory

Discipline Scientist: Astrophysics Data Archives, Ultraviolet and Visible Astrophysics

Astrophysics Division Lead: Education and Communication; Strategic Planning

Executive Secretary: NASA Astrophysics Advisory Committee

From: Lucianne Walkowicz [b6] >

Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 9:03 AM

To: Chick Woodward [b6], "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>, Kelly Holley-Bockelman [b6], "Perez, Mario (HQ-DH000)" <mario.perez@nasa.gov>, "Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010)" <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>, Hashima Hasan <hhasan@nasa.gov>, "Gaskin, Jessica A. (MSFC-ST12)" <jessica.gaskin@nasa.gov>, Lou Strolger [b6], Lucianne Walkowicz [b6]
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<margaret.meixner@nasa.gov>, Manuel A Bautista [b6], "Meixner, Margaret"
[b6], Michael Meyer <b6>, Ryan Hickox [b6],
Shirley Ho <b6>, "Hamden, Erika - (hamden)" [b6], "Mozena, Mark
William (HQ-NX000)[Affiliate]" [b6]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

The following is an open letter, which I am sharing publicly in addition to sending to the APAC meeting recipients.

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to announce that I am resigning my role on the NASA Astrophysics Advisory Committee, effective immediately. On September 28— the same day that NASA decided to quietly email just a few selected journalists its pathetic one line position on the renaming of JWST

<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.npr.org/2021/09/30/1041707730/shadowed-by-controversy-nasa-wont-rename-new-space-telescope&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|f475bab90e9c4bbb7a9908d98d8c1b84|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|637696455155107283|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=OHwGhrbqaYZuByRnCLpfALAKdiZEr60qL2ms+GZtoFk=&reserved=0>>— I was struck by a car while walking. I am on leave while recovering from my injuries, but let me be clear: I am resigning from the APAC not because I need time to recover, but because NASA's handling of the questions regarding James Webb as a choice for naming its next flagship mission has made a farce of this committee.

For the past year, the APAC has asked for updates regarding the investigation into the choice of Webb as the namesake for this mission, and has repeatedly been told to wait, and that results of a thorough investigation would be forthcoming. Instead, NASA's public relations team sent a few emails— with absolutely no details therein— that they had not found a reason to change the name of JWST

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It is evident from this choice that any promises of transparency and thoroughness were, in fact, lies. It also seems clear that NASA would prefer a committee of Yes Men, a committee that co-signs things that NASA had already planned to do, or perhaps chides them about moderate course corrections that don't actually challenge NASA at all. It is also clear that while Sean O'Keefe can just suggest James Webb as a telescope namesake because he thinks it's a nice idea, queer people are required to justify their opinions via an investigation.

This flippant, pathetic response to the very reasonable questions raised by the astronomical community regarding JWST's name

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e48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637696455155117231|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0=|1000&sdata=lrKCsEs7lIt9vb0EDBcvZEYZK/U6H4iB4EmStgIYICQ=&reserved=0> sends a clear message of NASA's position on the rights of queer astronomers. It also speaks clearly to me that NASA does not deserve my time. I serve and have served on numerous advisory committees such as the APAC. People do not ask me to serve on these committees because I am nice, or even solely on the basis of my expertise as an astronomer who has worked on several NASA missions, in addition to ground-based astronomical projects. People ask me to serve on advisory committees because I don't traffic in bullshit, and they will always get a real answer from me. I don't play along when I think grave mistakes or poor choices are being made. And I don't participate in things that I find farcical. After the past year and a half we've had with not only the pandemic, but also national grappling with issues of racism and human rights, it boggles the mind that NASA has so little insight into its own participation in systematic oppression. What, for example, does it mean for NASA Headquarters to rename its address to "Hidden Figures

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I admit that I felt pessimistic regarding chances for a name change as soon as the new administrator was announced, given that Bill Nelson— an uninspiring choice

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extra judicial interrogation at NASA headquarters, and subsequently fired for being suspected of being gay
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I don't plan on using JWST's current name, and I encourage others reading this letter to do the same. We still think @NASATubman

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Sincerely,

Lucianne Walkowicz

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

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Cc: Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>, Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020) <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
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Sent: October 12, 2021 9:20 AM
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

Thanks, Paul.

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Cc: "Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010)" <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>, Karen Fox <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>, "Fisher, Alise M. (HQ-NA020)" <alise.m.fisher@nasa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

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To: Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 12, 2021 11:29:05 AM EDT
Received: October 12, 2021 11:29:06 AM EDT

Perfect, thanks.

On: 12 October 2021 10:26, "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov> wrote:

And, oh, to be clear – I meant 6 pm ET! I am going to start an email chain with the two of you.

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Karen C. Fox

Senior Science Communications Officer

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From: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 11:14 AM
To: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

You bet.

On: 12 October 2021 10:11, "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov> wrote:

Looks like the Wash Post reporter is a night reporter, and is hoping to talk to you this evening. Would you be available at or a little after 6 pm tonight?

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Karen C. Fox

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From: "Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300)" <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 8:37 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Media inquiry -- James Webb Space Telescope naming

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Cc: Robinson, Gregory L (HQ-DA010) <gregory.l.robinson@nasa.gov>, Fox, Karen C. (HQ-1300) <karen.c.fox@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 12, 2021 2:01:44 PM EDT
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I can ask Thomas, but I believe it would be Thomas. Adding Karen Fox, who has been working this with OCOMM.

On: 12 October 2021 13:05, "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov> wrote:

Kirsten -

Who will be assigned the job at the Town Hall of answering questions about the James Webb Space telescope naming issue?

Paul

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Re: Book order - James Webb research

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 12, 2021 3:47:44 PM EDT
Received: October 12, 2021 3:47:44 PM EDT

Thanks, Adrienne!

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From: "Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion]" <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 2:29 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Book order - James Webb research

Ordered. Amazon shows it arriving 10/14/21.

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: Book order - James Webb research

Hi Adrienne,

Could you order this one for me?

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And could we also ship to:

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Thanks,
Brian

Brian C. Odom, PhD, MLIS (He/Him)

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From: "Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion]" <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:44 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Book order - James Webb research

Book should arrive on the 17th. Please let me know when it arrives.

Thanks,

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From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 9:19 AM

To: Towry, Adrienne N. (MSFC-CS01)[Media Fusion] <adrienne.towry@nasa.gov>

Subject: Re: Book order - James Webb research

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To: Hasan, Hashima (HQ-DH000) <hhasan@nasa.gov>; Farrell, Ingrid (HQ-LM020) [VALADOR INC] <ingrid.c.farrell@nasa.gov>
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Sent: October 12, 2021 4:15:00 PM EST
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All -

I will address the Webb name during my Update presentation. When I get to that part of my update, Brian Odom (NASA Historian) will join me as a speaker to address the Committee and answer their questions.

Hashima and Ingrid, please admit Brian to the meeting as a speaker.

Chick and Kelly, this discussion could go on forever. I would like to finish my NASA update (the Webb name comes up at chart 12 out of 64). Can you set a reasonable cutoff to move on to other topics, knowing that the Committee reserves the right to return to this topic during its discussion period?

Paul

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RE: Webb name

From: Erickson, Kristen (HQ-DO000) <kristen.erickson@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
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Received: October 13, 2021 9:17:11 AM EDT

I think taking the high ground is the only option.

Otherwise some of the behaviors of the community (prior to the analysis) would come to light.

There is so much more important work to do.

Good luck today!!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Erickson, Kristen (HQ-DO000) <kristen.erickson@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: Webb name

Kristen –

This is an Administrator’s decision. He has decided. **b5**

[REDACTED]

Paul

p.s. The Administrator agrees that there is no evidence. The full text of his decision statement is “We have found no evidence at this time that warrants changing the name of the James Webb Space Telescope.” The problem for most of the astrophysics community is not the decision itself, but the lack of rationale to explain why this is the appropriate decision. (For some people, the problem is the decision.) Also the process: the decision was announced by sending that one sentence in an email to six reporters. That is hardly the kind of transparent process that gives the external community confidence.

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From: Erickson, Kristen (HQ-DO000) <kristen.erickson@nasa.gov>

Sent: October 13, 2021 8:54 AM

To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>

Subject: Webb name

Hi Paul – I know you and I have not had a chance to chat about this in the two years since I asked (with Eric's blessing) Hakeem to look into this matter. My .02 cents:

- Today's "cancel culture" should not sway the facts or evidence
- There is no evidence. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evidence_of_absence
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evidence_of_absence&data=04|01|paul.hertz@nasa.gov|78a28d3db8924bb335d208d98e4bc3d1|7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b|0|0|637697278316736423|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=oJiKiywTcPeH6BNu8+D4l6rlpDq6PWtkpf9lMAoulKI=&reserved=0>
- Proven attribution given to different Secretary of State, not Webb

b5

Good luck today and know that I am in your corner!

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

From: Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
To: Jason Wright [b6]
Sent: October 13, 2021 3:01:54 PM EDT
Received: October 13, 2021 3:01:54 PM EDT

Sounds good. Thanks, Jason!

Brian

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[b6] (cell)

From: Jason Wright [b6]
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 1:37 PM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

Hi, Brian. Thanks for filling out the poll!

I just got a report on the presentation to the ADAC, and it sounds like that body has received much of what we'll be chatting about. I still think though it would be useful in shaping our advice to the AAS to chat briefly, I imagine 30 minutes or so.

Let's meet at my Zoom room here:

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I'll attend, and I have also invited the chair of the SGMA committee, Rolf Danner, and the board liaison and AAS Council member Jane Rigby.

I'll send out a calendar invitation, as well.

Thank you so much for your work on this and your time in this matter.

Jason

On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 2:12 PM Jason Wright <[b6]> wrote:

That, of course, was not a Doodle poll link!

Here is the link:

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On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 2:11 PM Jason Wright <b6 [REDACTED]> wrote:

OK, thanks for your time anyway. Just understanding what research happened and what was (and was not) produced will be very useful for us.

Here's the poll:

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Jason

On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 1:25 PM Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20) <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jason,

Happy to chat but there might not be much to discuss. There were no report/deliverables associated with the investigation. I have a good bit of time next Tuesday and Friday afternoons (CT zone).

Brian

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b6 [REDACTED] (cell)

From: Jason Wright <b6 [REDACTED]>
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 9:43 AM
To: "Odom, Brian C. (MSFC-CS20)" <brian.c.odom@nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Query about legacy of James Webb

Hi, Brian.

After a back-and-forth with Karen Fox, she has referred me back to you on this issue. I wonder if we could set up a time next week to chat about this?

This would be an informal chat, and I'm mostly interested in understanding things like the scope of your investigation, and what its outputs/deliverables were. I'm also interested in the prospect of some sort of public report on the matter. I know many astronomers are very interested in your analysis, and would like to know the same things NASA knows about Webb's role in all of this.

If it's OK with you, I'd like to include one or two other members of the AAS interested in this issue in the discussion. I should note that we are not representing the AAS in any official capacity, but in our personal capacity as volunteers serving on one of the AAS committees, informally gathering information so that we can make an informed recommendation to the AAS Council on the matter. (We had, in fact, been awaiting the outcome of your analysis before making that recommendation).


If this all sounds good, I can set up a Doodle poll for days you have availability.

I appreciate your time in this matter,

Jason

On Thu, Sep 30, 2021 at 11:48 AM Jason Wright [b6] wrote:

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Re: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

From: Hasan, Hashima (HQ-DH000) <hhasan@nasa.gov>
To: Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>
Sent: October 13, 2021 3:59:10 PM EDT
Received: October 13, 2021 3:59:11 PM EDT

Ok

On: 13 October 2021 15:58, "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov> wrote:

yes

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Resignation from the NASA APAC

Thanks. Should I have the usual "Thank you" letter and appreciation certificate prepared for her?

Hashima

On: 13 October 2021 15:51, "Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000)" <paul.hertz@nasa.gov> wrote:

Lucianne –

I acknowledge your resignation from the Astrophysics Advisory Committee. Thank you very much for your service.

You have made a positive impact on NASA's astrophysics program through your active participation as a member of the APAC, and I am personally grateful for your contributions.

Paul

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From: Lucianne Walkowicz <b6 [REDACTED]>

Sent: October 12, 2021 9:00 AM

To: Chick Woodward <b6 [REDACTED]>; Hertz, Paul (HQ-DH000) <paul.hertz@nasa.gov>; Kelly Holley-Bockelman <b6 [REDACTED]>; Perez, Mario (HQ-DH000) <mario.perez@nasa.gov>; Smith, Eric P. (HQ-DA010) <eric.p.smith@nasa.gov>; Hasan, Hashima (HQ-DH000) <hhasan@nasa.gov>; Gaskin, Jessica A. (MSFC-ST12) <jessica.gaskin@nasa.gov>; Lou Strolger <b6 [REDACTED]>; Lucianne Walkowicz <b6 [REDACTED]>; MEIXNER, MARGARET (ARC-PX)[Universities Space Research Association (USRA)] <margaret.meixner@nasa.gov>; Manuel A Bautista <b6 [REDACTED]>; Meixner, Margaret <b6 [REDACTED]>; Michael Meyer <b6 [REDACTED]>; Ryan Hickox <b6 [REDACTED]>; Shirley Ho <b6 [REDACTED]>; Hamden, Erika - (hamden) <b6 [REDACTED]>; Mozena, Mark William (HQ-NX000)[Affiliate] <b6 [REDACTED]>

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Dear Lucianne,

I would like to second Paul's thanks to you for your service as a member of the Astrophysics Advisory Committee, and for your contributions that have strengthened NASA Astrophysics.

Sincerely,

Hashima

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