NOTE TO EDITORS: NASA LANGLEY TO CELEBRATE ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Dear Editor/Reporter:

On Friday, July 17, 1992, NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, will celebrate seven and a half decades of aerospace accomplishments. On July 17, 1917 Langley became the nation's first civilian aeronautical laboratory. Since then Langley has been on the forefront of air and space flight. Celebratory events to be held in the NASA Langley Hangar on July 17 will include:

• Unveiling of anniversary painting by renowned space artist Robert McCall
• Anniversary video
• 75th anniversary logo formed by 1600 NASA employees for aerial photograph
• Technical exhibits
• Aircraft display from each decade

If you have an interest in covering this event please contact the NASA Langley Office of Public Affairs. We hope that you will join us.

America's manned space program began at Langley, and the Center has been involved in many well-known air and space projects, from breaking the sound barrier to the landing of men on the moon, the Viking lander on Mars, the Space Station Freedom, and the pioneering technology of the Space Shuttle. The Center is currently applying its massive technological capabilities towards the National Aero-Space Plane, and the study of the Earth's fragile atmosphere.

We are also prepared to help you develop an article on our 75th anniversary or on other aspects of the Center's work that may interest you. Enclosed is our feature release for background information. Our anniversary offers an excellent opportunity to highlight the country's progress in air and space through the prism of the research on whose foundation NASA was built. We can offer contact with our engineers, scientists, and administrators at all levels. Press kits, photographs, videos, fact sheets and other media materials are also available upon request.

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• Follow-up note to editors announcing further events and guest speakers for July 17 to be released in late June.

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