CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF
HISTORIC PRESERVATION NOTIFICATIONS
APOLLO MISSION CONTROL CENTER - HOUSTON

03/18/83 Date of letter from Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to Secretary of Interior stating that Section 18, PL 96-344 directed a "comprehensive report...including potential action alternatives" be submitted to Congress by September 1981. A preliminary report was received in March 1982 without regard to alternatives. The letter concluded with several questions regarding schedule for completion of the study and current mechanisms for preservations with the Department of Defense (DOD) and NASA.

✓08/22/83 Date of National Park Service (NPS) letter to NASA Headquarters identifying a three-step process to designate National Historic Landmarks.

✓10/06/83 Date of NASA Headquarters Code/NIM letter to JM notifying of NASA-wide study with 8/22/83 letter as detail.

✓12/24/85 Department of Interior (DOI) letter to NASA notifying of designated Historic Landmarks, Apollo Mission Control Center (MCC).

✓01/08/86 News release of DOI - our copy received by Texas Historical Commission on 01/14/86.

✓01/24/86 JN2 Note of Record identified a conversation of 01/23/86 with NXG/Jim Bayne that NASA Headquarters strongly opposed the designations and would be notifying installations at a later date as to what action to take.

11/14/86 Note of meeting (K. B. Gilbreath, R. U. Lea, and M. A. Goss) concluded that only in cases of significant change would the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) be informed. Also identified plans to develop a programmatic agreement in next 6 months to a year for approval between JSC, Texas SHPO and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation in Washington, DC.

12/05/86 Date of visit by National Parks Service personnel from Denver (Sharon Brown, Michael Spratt, John Paige).

02/05/87 Melody Goss attends "Introduction to Federal Projects and Historic Preservation Law" training in Fort Worth.

03/30/87 NXG letter to JN2 re notification of Advisory Council on reporting adverse effects.
04/14/87  Memo to File regarding M. A. Goss conversations with SHPO and planned visit to JSC later in the month.

04/23/87  Date of Advisory Council letter to Denver NPS acknowledging receipt of draft Man-in-Space Alternative Study with many suggestions and questions.

06/11/87  Visit by Stan Graves and Rick Lewis, Deputy and Assistant to the Texas SHPO. Initial review of designated historic landmarks at JSC.

09/09/87  Date of letter from Texas Historic Commission (Deputy SHPO) to NASA Headquarters acknowledging visitation of 06/11 and identifying lack of Section 106 process.

09/22/87  Date of JA letter to NX transmitting proposed response to SHPO letter of 09/09.

09/25/87  Date of NASA's letter to the Texas Historic Commission acknowledging concerns for historic preservation and proposed modifications/additions to the Mission Control Center for continued use.

10/20/87  Date of the Johnson Space Center Director's letter to the Texas Historic Commission suggesting a memorandum of agreement (MOA) be developed.

10/21/87  Date of NX letter to JA recommending thorough review of Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and identification of first instance of an external problem with the receipt of the Texas Historic Commission letter of 09/09. The idea was offered that JSC might want to start negotiations with the Texas SHPO.

11/06/87  Visit to SHPO Office by NASA representative, Paul Penrod, for briefing of MCC status.

05/24/88  Second visit and tour of MCC by SHPO representatives - met with NASA representatives to discuss proposed plans for modifications/additions.

06/06/88  Date of letter from Deputy SHPO to JSC representative acknowledging visit and discussions of 05/24.

06/13/88  Date of letter from JSC representative to Deputy SHPO responding to letter of 06/06.

11/28/88  Third visit by SHPO representatives to JSC who met with JSC representatives to discuss the memorandum of agreement and
proposed historic replication/displays commemorating the Apollo era.

12/02/88 Architectural and engineering records submitted to NASA Headquarters, Assistant Associate Administrator for Facilities Management.

12/23/88 Date of letter and draft memorandum of agreement from Deputy SHPO for JSC approval.

01/06/89 Notice to JSC Historic Preservation Committee of meeting.

01/11/89 First meeting of the JSC Historic Preservation Committee. Actions defined.

01/13/89 Letter to Stan Graves notifying of internal review of memorandum of agreement and formation of JSC Historic Preservation Committee.

03/10/89 Visit from Texas Historical Commission representatives: Curtis Tunnell (SHPO), Stan Graves (Deputy), and Rick Lewis (Assistant) - toured Mission Control.

03/15/89 Date of transmittal letter to Texas Historic Commission with memorandum of agreement.

03/21/89 Received call from NASA Headquarters, Jim Bayne, and notified Stan Graves by telecon that the programmatic agreement is put on hold.

03/23/89 Date of Advisory Council letter to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (from J. Fowler to J. J. Jukes) advising that the National Conference of SHPO's declined to sign the proposed programmatic agreement.

03/28/89 Date of Texas Historical Commission letter to JA from C. Tunnell to K. Gilbreath - thank you for visit of 03/10.

03/29/89 Second meeting of the JSC Historic Preservation Committee - status of actions.

03/30/89 Date of NASA letter to OMB (from E. Frankle, General Counsel, to J. J. Jukes), response to 03/23/89 letter.

04/03/89 JA/K. B. Gilbreath trip to Headquarters to meet with General Counsel and NX at National Advisory Council.

04/17/89 JA datafax replication costs and MCC equipment upgrade costs to NX.
Date of Governor Clements' letter to President Bush requesting support for historic preservation of the Apollo Mission Control Center.

JSC/JA/K. B. Gilbreath letter to Texas SHPO advising of proposed changes to MCC - equipment upgrade and addition for Space Station Control Center.

NX request to JA for concurrence on Senator Bentsen response.

Receipt to Texas SHPO letter dated 06/06/89 requesting Advisory Council to conduct onsite hearing with adequate opportunity for public participation.

Interim meeting (JA, AL4, JD4) planned response to SHPO letter and notice to Advisory Council.

Status meeting of JSC Historic Preservation Committee members.

Date of JA letter to Advisory Council notifying of adverse effect of equipment upgrade in MCC. Requested comments.

Date of DOI letter to Governor Clements in response to the 04/28/89 letter highlighting the Man-in-Space Alternative Study and hope of preserving the MCC.

Date of JA submission of additional information to Advisory Council.

Date of Advisory Council letter to JA requesting additional information upon which to base comments.

Visit to JSC by Ron Anzalone, Advisory Council, and Stan Graves, Deputy SHPO.

Information submitted to the Advisory Council via Mr. Anzalone re equipment upgrade to MCC as requested in letter of 07/13/89, including drawings, photos, brochures, chronological history of consultation contacts and copies of correspondence.

Date of Advisory Council letter to the National Park Service requesting their comments on the equipment upgrade in the MCC at JSC.

Distribution of photos as requested by the SHPO.

Date of Advisory Council letter to JA requesting 1-week extension for comment to letter of 06/16/89.
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<td>Programmatic Agreement signed by NASA, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and the Advisory Council.</td>
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<td>Letter of transmittal form NASA/NX forwarding the Programmatic Agreement.</td>
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<td>Meeting with Mission Support personnel, building 30, to review proposed operating procedures, define MCC equipment retention criteria, and establish logistics procedures.</td>
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<td>Programmatic Agreement and NHL designation information for JSC sent to WSTF/Bob Mitchell.</td>
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<td>First draft for JSC-designed interpretive plaque dialogue. Acceptance of Crew and Thermal Systems Division operating procedures.</td>
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<td>Designation of Historic Preservation Officer and abolishment of JSC Historic Preservation Committee. Internal procedures established to implement the Programmatic Agreement.</td>
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<td>SHPO submission of State of Texas marker for commemorative interpretation.</td>
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<td>Approval and acceptance of a JSCI for historic preservation of designated Landmarks.</td>
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<td>Approval of design for interpretive graphics, photos, and historic renditions for display on the interior of the MCC Visitor's Center.</td>
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The chairman of the Committee, JA/K. B. Gilbreath, gave a brief overview of the current status on historic preservation activities and discussed the following:

a. Items declared excess to NASA's needs in prior years and subsequently released to the Kelly Air Force Base (AFB) Redistribution and Utilization resources will not be pursued. Any items (i.e., chairs and other furniture) excessed to Kelly AFB prior to 1987/1988 are most likely no longer in the warehouse system. Items of interest from the Mission Control Rooms were excessed in the late 1970's and early 1980's. No further action is directed.

b. Inventoriable equipment located in the Mission Control Rooms has been identified and controlled through separate tagging. A finalized copy of such equipment will be transferred to JM for the historic preservation database.

c. A list of uncontrolled items such as headsets, chairs, etc., is being developed by DK3/RSOC and will be transferred to JM upon completion.

d. A draft JSC Management Instruction for historic preservation has been prepared for final approval with the JSC Legal Office. This instruction will be distributed under the signature of the Director.

e. Commemorative plaques have been considered. A design will be finalized and a plaque installed near the Mission Control Center in the next 6-9 months.

The chairman designated a JSC Historic Preservation Officer (JHPO), Melody A. Goss, and concurrently abolished the JSC Historic Preservation Committee. All historic landmark issues will be directed through the JHPO and reported in accordance with the JSC Management Instruction and "Programmatic Agreement among the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation."