Langley's F-106B research airplane (NASA 816) will be retired from active service at a retirement ceremony in the NASA Langley Hangar on May 17, 1991. Later in the year, this unique and notable airplane will be placed on permanent display along with other historic NASA and U.S. Air Force aircraft in the new Virginia Air and Space Center/Hampton Roads History Center in downtown Hampton.

In its 34 years of service, this particular F-106B has been utilized for several significant research activities:

- Research and development testing for the U.S. Air Force (9 years)
- Research in support of the U.S. Supersonic Transport Program of the 1970's at the NASA Lewis Research Center (13 years)
- Research in the Severe Storm/Lightning Program and the Vortex Flap Program at the Langley Research Center (12 years)

In addition to having served as a centerpiece for the foregoing programs, NASA 816 is the last known manned (non-drone) F-106B in the world. The retirement ceremony will be a gathering of those individuals who participated in programs using the airplane, as well as anyone interested in aviation history and the F-106B "Delta Dart". A brief slide review of NASA 816's individual history and anecdotes from those involved in the flight activities will be the highlight of formal activities. An illustrated booklet covering the history and programs of the airplane will be distributed, and refreshments will be served.

You are invited to attend this special ceremony in recognition of this historic airplane. It should be a special fun event for those associated with this unique airplane as well as those interested in aviation history.

If you plan to attend, please fill out and return the invitation form below.

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**I plan to attend the reception at Langley Research Center.**

Name: 
Guest name: 
Address: 
TelephoneNumber: 

Please respond by May 7, 1991 to:
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