UNITED FLIGHT 232 CAPTAIN DISCUSSES SIOUX CITY CRASH LANDING DURING PENINSULA LECTURES

On July 19, 1989, at 3:16 p.m., United 232, a DC-10, experienced a catastrophic engine failure while flying at 37,000 feet. The uncontained disintegration of the engine destroyed all three hydraulic systems, thereby rendering the aircraft uncontrollable.

During two lectures on the Peninsula, Monday, August 17, 1992, Captain Alfred C. Haynes, will give a first hand report of the flight. At 2 p.m., he will speak to NASA Langley Research Center employees, contractors and retirees at a colloquium in the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 11 Langley Boulevard. That evening at 7:30, he will give the same lecture at the Virginia Air and Space Center (VASC), 600 Settlers Landing Road, as part of the Sigma Series. The Sigma Series is a series of free public lectures sponsored by VASC, the Daily Press and NASA.

Haynes' lecture, "United Flight 232: Coping with One in a Billion Odds," will focus on the incident and how his crew, assisted by a DC-10 instructor pilot who was a passenger on board, were able to guide the airplane to a crash landing at the Sioux City, Iowa, airport. Of the 285 passengers and 11 crew members on board, 174 passengers and 10 crew members survived.
Haynes attended Texas A&M University. He began his flying career as a Naval aviator and joined United Airlines as a flight engineer in 1956. In 1963 he was promoted to co-pilot and served in that capacity flying DC-6, Boeing 727 and DC-10 aircraft until his promotion to captain in 1985. He flew Boeing 727s for 18 months before transferring to the DC-10 which he flew until his retirement in August 1991, accumulating over 27,000 hours total flight time.

NOTE TO EDITORS: A press briefing will be held Monday, August 17, at 1:15 p.m. in the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 11 Langley Boulevard. To participate in the briefing, please call the Office of Public Affairs, 864-6124, by noon that day.