NEWSOM APPOINTED TO HEAD CSI AT NASA LANGLEY

Jerry R. Newsom returns to the Langley Research Center to head the recently formed Controls-Structures Interaction (CSI) Office. The CSI Program is developing new technology to benefit space systems design for the year 2000 and beyond.

Since December 1985, Newsom had been technical assistant to the NASA Administrator, Dr. James C. Fletcher. In Washington, he acted primarily as the interface between the Administrator and the White House.

"Our goal is to produce technology that will benefit future NASA missions. And there are plenty of missions planned that can benefit from controls-structures technology," states Newsom.

Newsom feels the CSI program will "help evolve a new discipline to aid space systems design. Not only will we have the traditional structures experts and controls experts, but a new breed of experts knowledgeable equally well in both structures and controls."

Prior to his appointment at NASA Headquarters, Newsom was head of the Aeroservoelasticity Branch, Loads and Aeroelasticity Division. He joined NASA in 1978 after working for Ling-Temco Vought at Langley.

Newsom earned a bachelor of science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1973 and a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering from George Washington University in 1978.

He and his wife, Ellen, live in Hampton. They have four children.